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Preparations in place for release of 2 soldiers

By Volt Contreras and Christian V. Esguerra

LEFTIST guerrillas in Bicol have been ordered to observe their end of the ceasefire and the Red Cross has been contacted to oversee the release soon of two soldiers held captive for five-and-a-half months.

PREPARATIONS/A8

GETTING into the spirit of Lanao del Norte Day, President Arroyo dons a Landap-malong fit for royalty at the opening of "Pagana Maranaw," a festival of delicacies, songs and dances held at the Bahay Salakot in Intramuros.

VAL HANDUMON

Bandit's death disputed

AFP insists he's already buried; MILF says he was wounded

By Christian V. Esguerra and Alcuin Papa *in Manila,*
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HIS HOUSE supposedly burst into flames when a rocket fired by a helicopter pilot slammed into it. But his body has not been found.

Is elusive Pentagon kidnap-for-ransom gang chief Alonto Tahir dead or alive?

Armed forces and police officials in Manila insisted yesterday he was killed in the military attack Friday on the Pentagon's lair in a village of S.K. Pendatun municipality in Maguindanao. Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) spokesperson Eid Kabalu said Tahir was only seriously wounded.

In any case, President Macapagal-Arroyo has already congratulated the military and the police for the reported killing of Tahir and some of his followers, saying her government used "the hand of steel" to flush the group out of its hideout. *(See related story on Page A8.)*

Military reports on the exact number of those killed were conflicting. Some accounts put the Pentagon death toll at 15, others at 16 and 17.

"The house burst into flames when explosives inside were hit by rockets and machinegun fire," Armed Forces spokesperson Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero said, quoting what he said was an official report from pilots who took part in the airstrike.

Lucero said residents of the area told soldiers the bodies of Tahir and of his followers who were also killed were immediately buried on Friday evening in Sitio Tatak in Barangay Midpandan.

Muslims bury their dead within 24 hours, according to their custom.

Sought for comment, nation-

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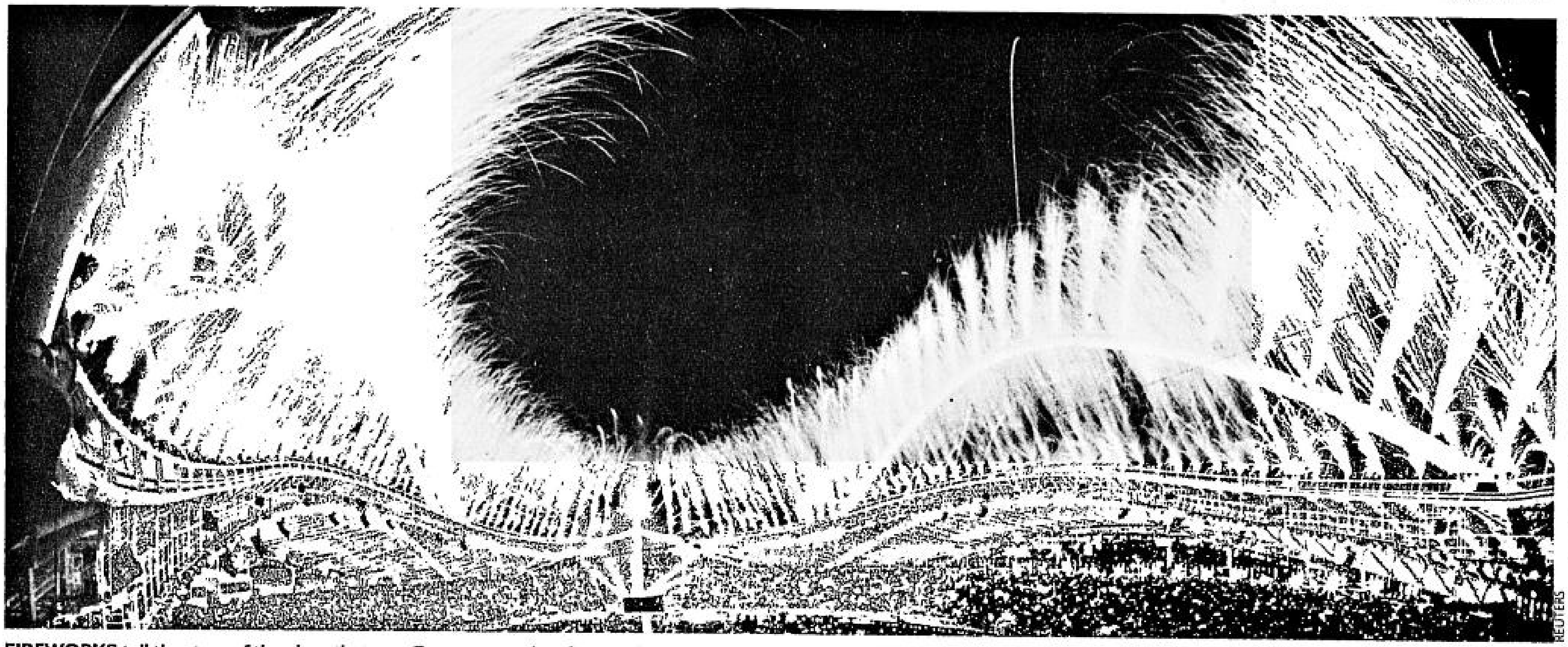

FIREWORKS tell the story of the glory that was Greece crowning the opening rites of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games at the Olympic stadium packed by about 70,000 spectators.

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Pinoys looked like winners; then defeat

By Artemio T. Engracia Jr.
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ATHENS—Marching with thousands of other athletes from 202 countries in the opening day pageantry, they looked like winners. Then came the gloom of defeat.

Four immediate defeats in boxing and swimming on the first day of competitions on Saturday cast an early cloud on Philippine hopes of bagging at least one medal in the Athens Olympics. ***(See story on A23)***

At the opening ceremonies on Friday, the Filipinos were resplendent in barong Tagalogs while the three women in the contingent—archer Jasmin Figueroa, swimmer Jaclyn Pangilinan and long jumper Lerma Bulauitan Gabito—stood out in their pink and gray ternos.

A few hours before the ceremonies got underway, middleweight boxer Christopher Camat was pulled from flag-bearing duty because he had to fight the next day.

Although Camat was still listed in the ceremonies program as the Philippine flag bearer, it was another boxer, light welterweight Romeo Brin, who inherited the honor of marching in front of the Philippine delegation.

The other athletes who marched were swimmers James Walsh, Raphael Chua and Miguel Mendoza, shooter Jethro Dionisio, and boxers Violito Payla and Harry Tañamor.

As expected, coaches, officials and politicians outnumbered the athletes who marched as representatives of the youth of the world.

There were 10 athletes and 14 officials who marched behind the Philippine flag, including chef de mission Steve Hontiveros, Tourism Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan, Rep. Monico Puentevella, former Manila Mayor Mel Lopez Jr., and former Olympian and shooting head Arturo Macapagal.

Lopez and Hontiveros marched alongside the three Filipinas in front of the column just a few steps behind the flag-bearing Brin.

The Philippine contingent

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PHILIPPINES

BOXER Romeo Brin carries the national flag at the head of the 24-man Philippine delegation.

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Coast Guard beckons: Adopt a lighthouse

By Ross Harper-Alonso
Contributor

THERE'S hope for the 112-year-old Malabrigo Lighthouse in Lobo, Batangas.

Last March, sighs of relief and loud applause marked the signing of a memorandum of agreement between the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and Capt. James Marsh Thomson and his daughter Akiko, an Asean Games gold medalist in swimming.

With the agreement, drawn up in line with the PCG's Adopt-a-Lighthouse Program, the Thomsons became the official guardians of Lobo's architectural treasure for the next 25 years.

No one could have been happier than Fernando "Nanding" de Mesa, keeper of the Faro de Punta de Malabrigo for the past 27 years.

Before the Thomsons and family friend Mel Morales came to visit more than a year ago, Nanding worried about the lighthouse's future whenever he trimmed the grass, dusted the tower, swept the courtyard and fended off treasure hunters and vandals.

He had earlier come to realize that while maintenance costs were rising, resources were severely limited.

Happily, however, the Thomsons were charmed by the strength and serenity of the lighthouse. They were also concerned about its vulnerability, knowing fully well that laws protecting historical landmarks could only be enforced with sufficient resources.

They decided to lobby for priority management action and sought the assistance of Vice Adm. Joselito Aseniero, who not only became instrumental in fast-tracking the turnover but also later appointed Thomson to head the Adopt-a-Lighthouse program.

The PCG administration launched the program two years ago. It is a partnership between the private sector and non-government organizations to undertake restoration activities geared toward arresting the deterioration of lighthouses nationwide and preserve their historical significance.

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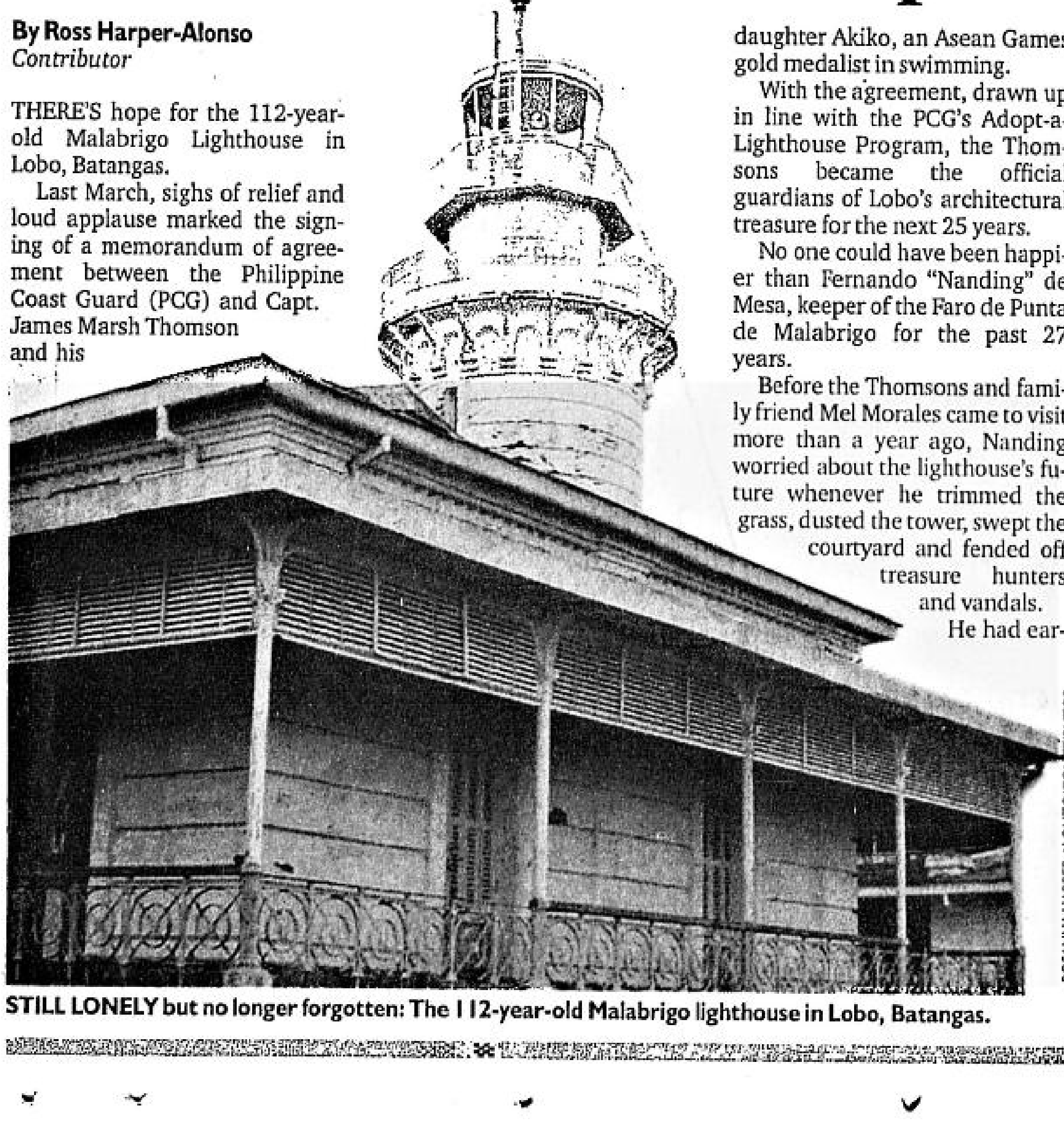

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'Missing' tycoon shows up, is gone in a flash

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez and Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE FAMILY feud that the public is currently reading about in newspaper advertisements put out by the contending parties yesterday took an intriguing turn with the appearance of the "missing" paterfamilias at a hotel in the Ortigas Center.

Businessman Gilbert Guy presented his father Francisco Guy Co Chia, 79, founder of the company that manufactures the 3D home appliances, at a press conference in a 27th-floor room at the Linden Suites to rebut charges of illegal detention raised by his mother Simny and his sisters Grace, Geraldine and Gladys.

Francisco, who is said to be suffering from Alzheimer's disease, was wearing a purple short-sleeved shirt and dark pants and was in a wheelchair.

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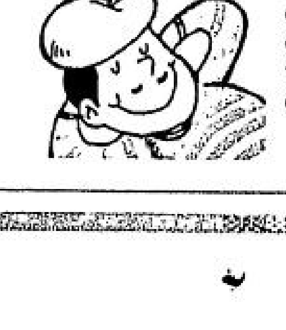
JUAN TAMAD GOES TO PARIS!

How to be lazy without really trying

PARIS—Loafers, take heart.

Finally, instead of dissembling behind ambiguous notions of Gallic *joie de vivre,* (keen on enjoyment of life) someone in leisurely France has declared outright that the French should eschew the Anglo-Saxon work ethic and openly embrace sloth.

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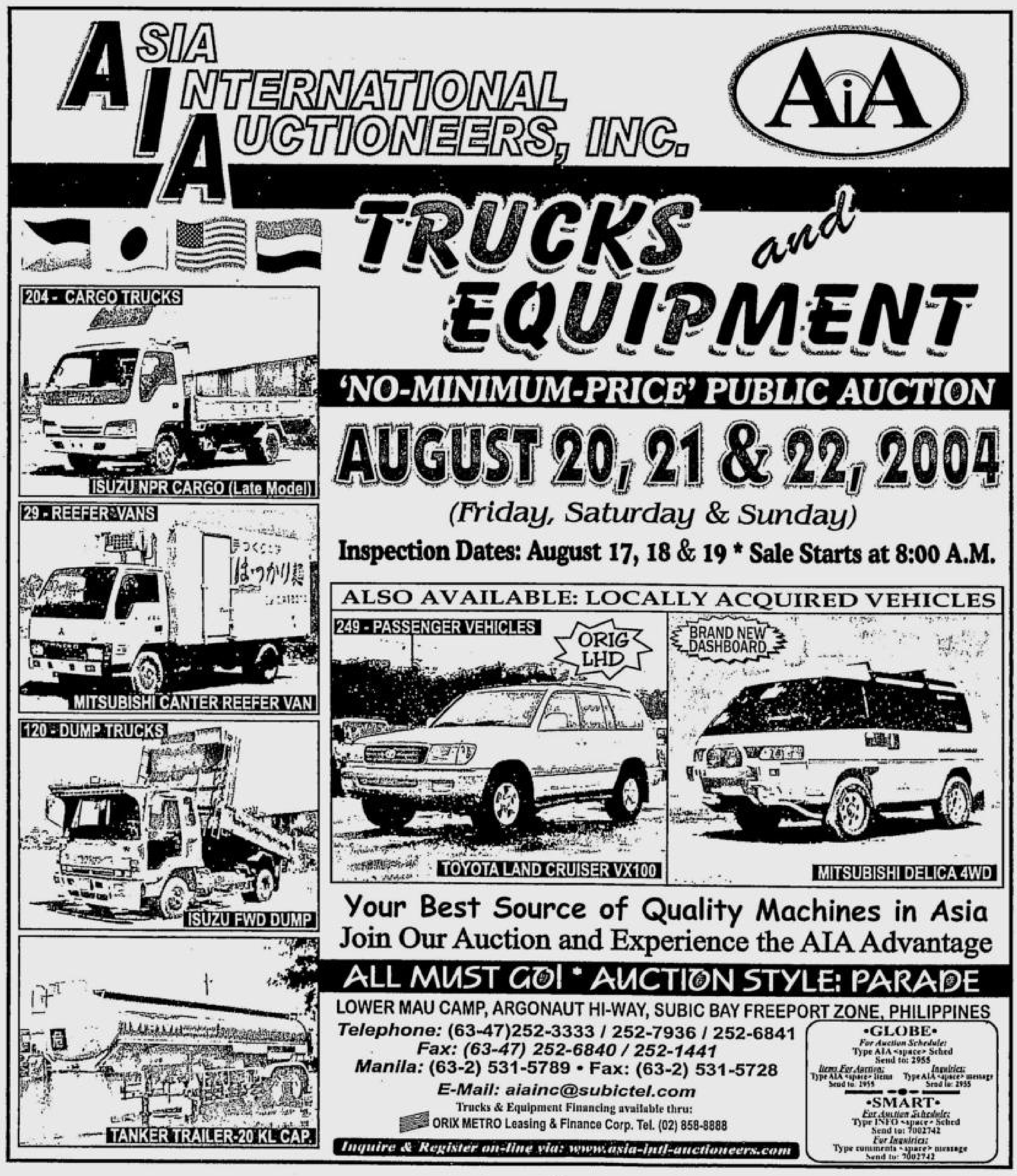

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Joma: No peace talks until terror tag lifted

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LUCENA CITY—Self-exiled communist leader Jose Ma. Sison has ruled out the resumption of peace talks with the government unless the "terrorist" tag on the Communist Party of the Philippines, New People's Army and himself is lifted.

Sison, CPP founder and chairman, stressed through e-mail that the National Democratic Front "is not willing to negotiate under duress."

"The duress comes from the evil character of the 'terrorist' tag and all its malicious consequences. Under the circumstances, the people themselves demand the intensification of the new democratic revolution through protracted people's war," he said.

The NDF has postponed the scheduled peace talks in Oslo, Norway to September after the US government renewed its listing of the CPP-NPA as a foreign terrorist organization.

Sison warned that if the government fails to comply with its obligations after so long, "then the postponement can become suspension. Further on, suspension can lead to termination of peace negotiations."

He accused the US, Britain and The Netherlands of responsibility for the renewed terrorist tag on the CPP-NPA and himself to protect any challenge to their oil, gas and other monopoly interests in the country.

"They want to intimidate and force the capitulation of the NDF to the GRP or else push all-out war against the revolutionary forces under the pretext of anti-terrorism. They are in fact sabotaging the GRP-NDF peace negotiations," Sison said.

Sison stressed that as long as the "terrorist" list persists, "it is obvious that the shared malicious counter-revolutionary objective of the US and the GMA regime is to intimidate the NDF negotiators, consultants and other duly-authorized persons in the peace negotiations, obscure the roots of the civil war and destroy the revolutionary movement."*With a report from Jerome Aning*

Joker finds something to be amused about

By Michael Lim Ubac

ADMINISTRATION Sen. Joker Arroyo is amused by Malacañang's sudden inclination to have him included in Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (Ledac) meetings.

"Malacañang now dangles a lollipop, a cheap shot. It's an afterthought, a rather amusing postscript," said the senator whose opposition to President Macapagal-Arroyo's tax reform proposals may have sparked what he calls the "sudden siege of bonhomie in considering me for an invite to the Ledac."

Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said the other day Arroyo would likely be invited to the next meeting of the Ledac, an advisory council to the President to which Arroyo had never been invited although he is a long-time member of the administration coalition in the Senate.

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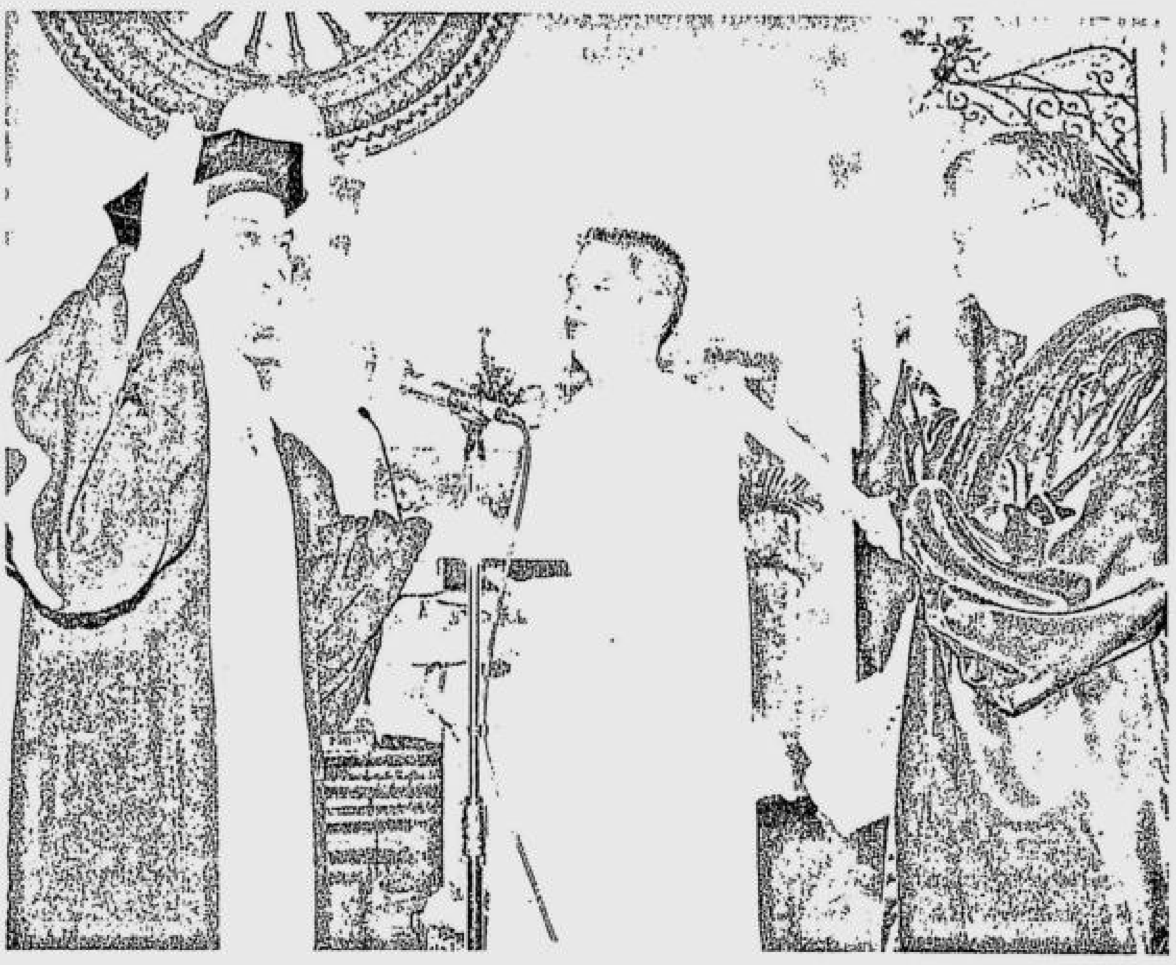

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Joma: No peace talks until terror tag lifted

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LUCENA CITY—Self-exiled communist leader Jose Ma. Sison has ruled out the resumption of peace talks with the government unless the "terrorist" tag on the Communist Party of the Philippines, New People's Army and himself is lifted.

Sison, CPP founder and chairman, stressed through e-mail that the National Democratic Front "is not willing to negotiate under duress."

"The duress comes from the evil character of the 'terrorist' tag and all its malicious consequences. Under the circumstances, the people themselves demand the intensification of the new democratic revolution through protracted people's war," he said.

The NDF has postponed the scheduled peace talks in Oslo, Norway to September after the US government renewed its listing of the CPP-NPA as a foreign terrorist organization.

Sison warned that if the government fails to comply with its obligations after so long, "then the postponement can become suspension. Further on, suspension can lead to termination of peace negotiations."

He accused the US, Britain and The Netherlands of responsibility for the renewed terrorist tag on the CPP-NPA and himself to protect any challenge to their oil, gas and other monopoly interests in the country.

"They want to intimidate and force the capitulation of the NDF to the GRP or else push all-out war against the revolutionary forces under the pretext of anti-terrorism. They are in fact sabotaging the GRP-NDF peace negotiations," Sison said.

Sison stressed that as long as the "terrorist" list persists, "it is obvious that the shared malicious counter-revolutionary objective of the US and the GMA regime is to intimidate the NDF negotiators, consultants and other duly-authorized persons in the peace negotiations, obscure the roots of the civil war and destroy the revolutionary movement."*With a report from Jerome Aning*

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By Michael Lim Ubac

ADMINISTRATION Sen. Joker Arroyo is amused by Malacañang's sudden inclination to have him included in Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (Ledac) meetings.

"Malacañang now dangles a lollipop, a cheap shot. It's an afterthought, a rather amusing postscript," said the senator whose opposition to President Macapagal-Arroyo's tax reform proposals may have sparked what he calls the "sudden siege of bonhomie in considering me for an invite to the Ledac."

Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said the other day Arroyo would likely be invited to the next meeting of the Ledac, an advisory council to the President to which Arroyo had never been invited although he is a long-time member of the administration coalition in the Senate.

But Arroyo, who has called administration officials advocating new taxes "tax terrorists," hinted that he might snub the invitation.

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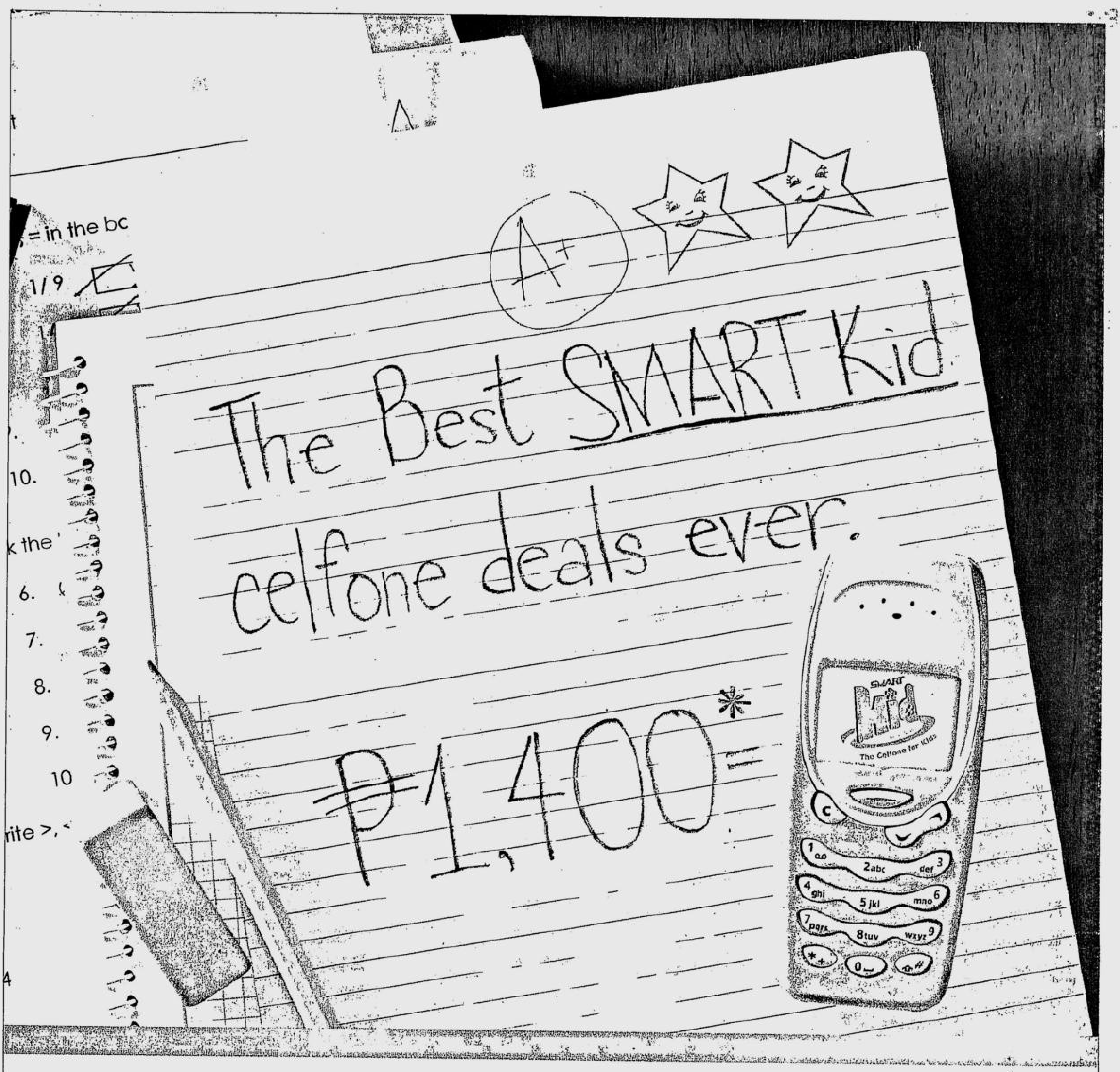

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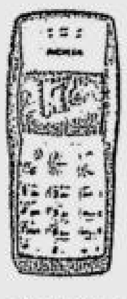

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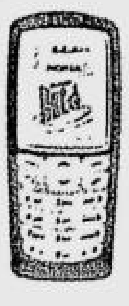

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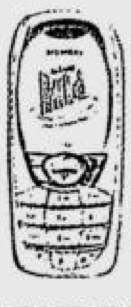

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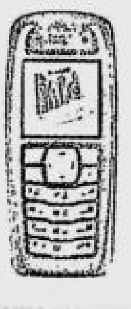

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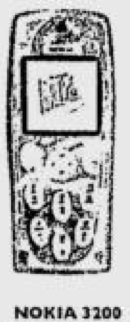

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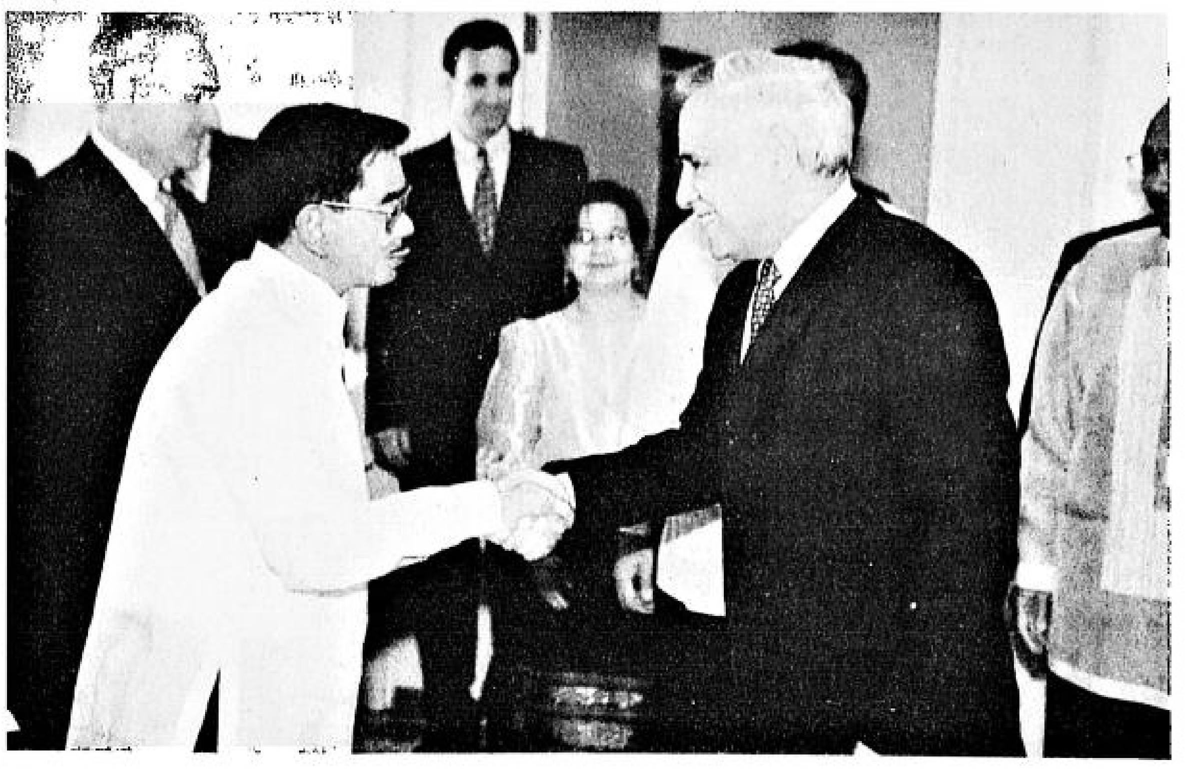

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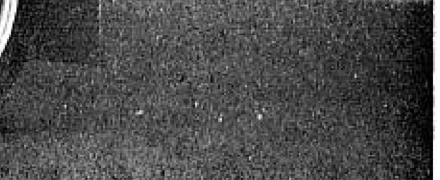

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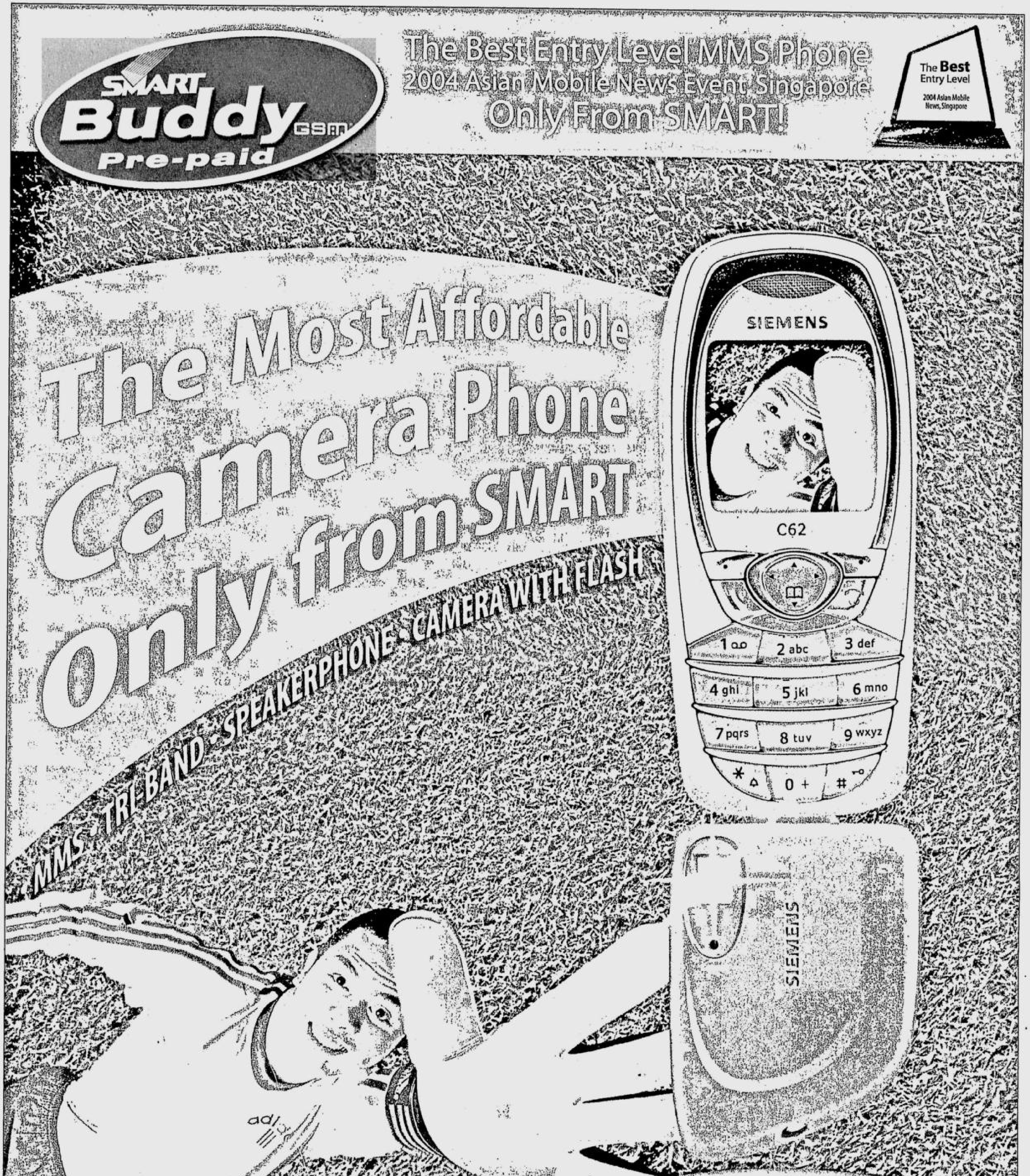
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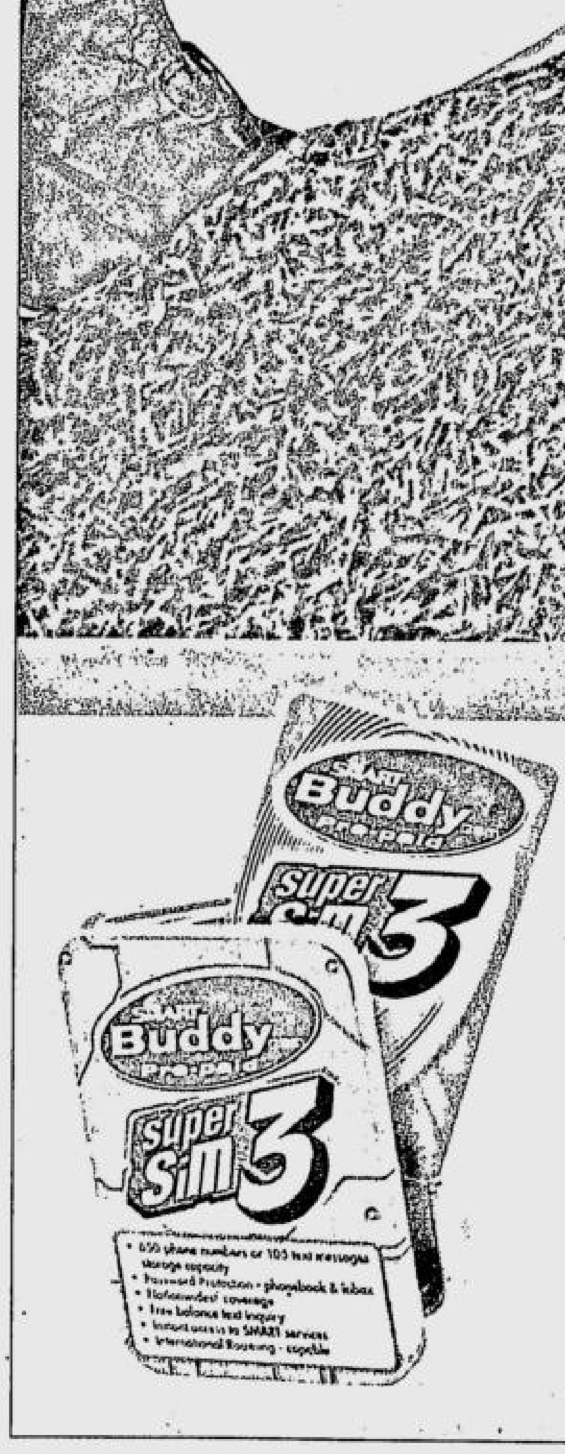
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DOJ backs libel raps vs Bro. Eli

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice has recommended the filing of four separate libel cases against television evangelist Eliseo "Bro. Eli" Soriano and 15 of his associates for allegedly defaming the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) church and its ministers.

In a resolution, Acting Justice Secretary Ma. Merceditas Gutierrez junked Soriano's bid to have the charges dropped, saying there was probable cause to file the libel charges against Soriano and 15 members of the Ang Dating Daan (ADD) sect.

The INC and ADD are rival religious groups that air their own television programs. The two groups have been trading barbs, including name-calling, which resulted in the filing of libel charges against each other.

Gutierrez found merit in the INC's complaint.

"All elements (of libel) are present in the instant case. By calling complainants 'gago, tarantado,' and killers on his (TV) program 'Dating Daan," respondent Soriano discredited complainants, who are ministers of the Iglesia ni Cristo, in the minds of any considerable and respectable class in the community," Gutierrez said.

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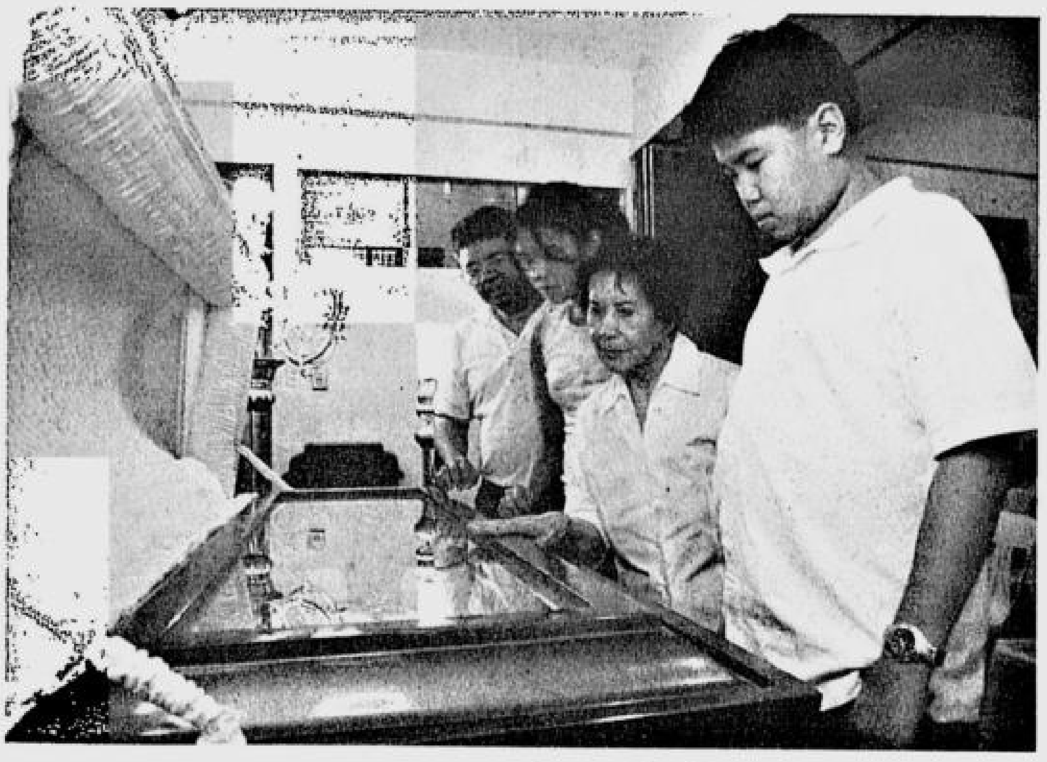

INQUIRER founding chair Eugenia Apostol views the remains of her husband, Jose Apostol, with her grandchildren at the Sanctuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, Makati. JESS YUSON

'The Apostle' behind PDI founder dies

By Fe Zamora

HE WAS the pillar of strength whose quiet presence assured his wife, Philippine Daily Inquirer founding chair Eugenia Apostol, to pursue her journalistic endeavors.

Yesterday, civil engineer Jose Apostol passed away at the age of 81.

"He died at home of cardiac arrest," Ms Apostol told the INQUIRER.

Apostol is also survived by a son, Carlos, daughter-in-law Cora, and three grandchildren.

Ms Apostol said her husband had been suffering from emphysema which had slowed him down in recent years.

"But he did not retire from work. He had his private construction firm that kept him busy," she said.

Apostol was the builder behind many posh residences in Makati, including the home of Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile in Dasmariñas Village, where the Apostols also live.

In fact, the list of Apostol's clients reads like a "who's who in the Philippines."

At a dinner with journalists just after Edsa II, Jose Apostol said he was proud to still be working at his age. "No retirement for me," he told this reporter.

To keep mobile, Apostol had a custom-made wheelchair which he liked to show off to visitors as his "golf cart." The chair carried a portable oxygen tank.

Spry and good-looking, Apostol exuded a quiet reassuring presence to the staff of Ms and Ms Special Edition, the magazine founded by his wife which was at the forefront of the fight against the Marcos dictatorship following the assassination of Sen. Benigno Aquino on Aug. 21, 1983.

His presence was so reassuring that at one time, the staff secretly referred to him as "The Apostle."

Interment will be on Aug. 17 after the 3 p.m. Mass.

Businessmen want Cabinet men to stay

LEADERS of some of the country's largest business organizations want President Macapagal-Arroyo to retain three Cabinet members "who have been very effective in working with us in the promotion of economic growth in the country".

Endorsed for retention by the business leaders were Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo Jr., Trade and Industry Secretary Cesar Purisima and National Economic Development Authority Director General Romulo Neri.

According to the business leaders, the three officials "have shown unquestioned integrity and have earned the confidence of the business community."

The endorsement was made by Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Noemi Saludo, Employers Confederation of the Philippines president Donald Dee, Philippine Exporters Confederation president Sergio Ortiz-Luis, Philippines Inc. president Miguel Varela, Federation of Philippine Industries president Jess Aranza and Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines Foundation president Francis Chua.

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Sunday, August 15, 2004
Assumption of the BVM

1st Reading: Rev 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

Then the sanctuary of God in the heavens was opened, and the Ark of the Covenant of God could be seen inside the sanctuary. There were flashes of lightning, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a violent hail-storm.

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain, looking to her time of delivery.

Then another sign appeared: a huge, red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and wearing seven crowns on its heads. It had just swept along a third of the stars of heaven with its tail, throwing them down to the earth.

The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour the child as soon as it was born. She gave birth to a male child, the one who is to rule all the nations with an iron scepter; then her child was seized and taken up to God and to his throne while the woman fled to the desert where God had prepared a place for her; there she would be looked after for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Then I heard a loud voice from heaven:
Now has salvation come,
with the power and the kingdom of our God,
and the rule of his anointed.
For our brothers' accuser has been cast out,
who accused them night and day, before God.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-27

But no, Christ has been raised from the dead and he comes before all those who have fallen asleep. A human being brought death; a human being also brings resurrection of the dead. All die for being Adam's, and in Christ all will receive life. However, each one in his own time: first Christ, then Christ's people, when comes.

Then the end will come, when Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father, after having destroyed every rule, authority and power. For he must reign and put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed will be death. As Scripture says: God has subjected everything under his feet.

When we say that everything is put under his feet, we exclude, of course, the Father who subjects everything to him.

Gospel: Lk 1:39-56

Mary then set out for a town in the Hills of Judah. She entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leapt in her womb. Elizabeth was filled with holy spirit, and giving a loud cry, said, "You are most blessed among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb! How is it that the mother of my Lord comes to me? The moment your greeting sounded in my ears, the baby within me suddenly leapt for joy. Blessed are you who believed that the Lord's word would come true!"

And Mary said:
"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit exults in God my savior!
He has looked upon his servant in her lowliness,
and people forever will call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me,
Holy is his Name!
From age to age his mercy extends
to those who live in his presence.
He has acted with power and done wonders,
and scattered the proud with their plans.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones
and lifted up those who are downtrodden.
He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
He held out his hand to Israel, his servant,
for he remembered his mercy,
even as he promised our fathers,
Abraham and his descendants forever."

Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned home.

Commentary

When we want to understand something, we can look for its "story", its past; in that way we see how it arose. This is usually very useful, and yet there is something unsatisfying about it. We have presumed that the meaning of the present lies in the past. This makes the present (and the future) old before they are born. If someone tried to "explain" you away by mentioning only where you came from and what happened in your past, you would feel rather left out of it, wouldn't you? You would want to make a strong statement of what you are now, and what you intend and hope for the future.

Scholars are able to see the antecedents of the Magnificat in the Old Testament: in Isaiah 29:14, etc., and in the Canticle of Hannah, the mother of Samuel (1S 2:1-10, "My heart exults in Yahweh, I feel strong in my God.... The bow of the mighty is broken, but the weak are girded with strength. The well-fed must labor for bread, but the hungry need work no more...." etc.). Mary is repeating, you might say, what others had said long before she was born.

But when Mary (or indeed anyone) says "My soul glorifies the Lord," it's a leap of joy and praise in the present moment; it may have been said many times before, but it's new now. Quotations are from memory, but joy and praise are in the present moment. Catholics used to be reluctant to pray spontaneously in groups, preferring to say, "What page is that on?" For many people that has changed. But it is good to remember that we don't have to be saying surprising new things all the time. A prayer could be as old as the hills, but it is perfectly new if it comes from the heart.

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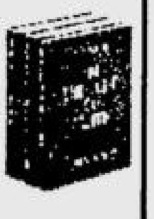

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Bandit's death disputed

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al police Deputy Director General Virtus Gil, task force commander, yesterday said that Tahir's body was "mangled," like those of his followers, during the 6 a.m. attack that lasted for 15 minutes.

Cautious

"Alonto Tahir and more than 10 of his men were killed in the air strike," according to the official report by the PNP Northeastern Mindanao Task Force, a copy of which was obtained by the Inquirer.

Col. Agustin Dema-ala, commander of the Army's 604th Infantry Brigade based in Sultan Kudarat province, sounded a bit more cautious. Speaking on radio DXMS in Cotabato city, Dema-ala said yesterday: "Although we have received reports about his death, we cannot yet confirm it because, in the first place, we have yet to verify. Unless there is physical evidence, he remains alive."

The MILF's Kabalu disputed reports of Tahir's death.

MILF version

"We received information from our people on the ground that he was not killed but was seriously injured during the attack," Kabalu told the Inquirer by phone.

But Kabalu said the MILF did not know Tahir's exact whereabouts now.

He said he doubted that Tahir could be moved far.

"We heard he had a diabetic condition and that it would be difficult to treat your wounds if you were diabetic," Kabalu said.

Earlier, speaking on DXMS, Kabalu confirmed that the house of Tahir was among those hit in the military bombing but there was no immediate information if Tahir was inside the house at the time.

Earlier military reports said Tahir had been having difficulty moving around because of his illness.

Kabalu said MILF rebels were helping authorities determine if Tahir was among those killed in the bombing.

"That's what our group is doing right now. They are investigating in the area if Tahir was killed," Kabalu said.

Search for cadavers

He said the area attacked by the military was difficult to reach because it was an islet in the vast Liguasan Marsh.

The islet is between Barangay Lumibao in SK Pendatun town and Barangay Midpakan in Sultan sa Barongis town.

Both villages are part of the Maguindanao side of the marsh, one of the strongholds of the MILF.

After two MG520 helicopters rained rockets on the islet, where Tahir and his men had set up camp, conflicting reports about the Pentagon death toll went around.

Confirmed

Police said they confirmed 15 Pentagon gunmen were killed but their identities were not immediately available.

Dema-ala said the military was also trying to recover any cadavers.

Some Scout Rangers stationed along the Rio Grande de Mindanao and the Tamontaka River were standing by the river banks just in case bodies were carried by the waters.

Pentagon's kidnap victims

Kabalu had a slightly lower casualty figure among Pentagon members.

"Our forces in the area have confirmed that 14 Pentagon members were killed but we doubt that the military could find any bodies because Muslims immediately bury their dead," he told the Inquirer.

Dema-ala said kidnap victims Zoila Kansi, a soft drink distributor seized in February in Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat and Cotabato City car dealer Norman Sia, who was abducted in December 2003, were not with Tahir's group at the time of the attack.

He believed the victims were being held by another group of Pentagon gunmen.

Long-wanted

Tahir had long been wanted by the government. The military earlier reported he had a bounty of P5 million but Dema-ala said the correct figure was P300,000.

Tahir's killing, if confirmed, would be a big accomplishment in the Arroyo administration's effort against kidnapping, particularly against groups that prey on foreigners and other high-profile victims.

Among Pentagon's victims were Italian priest Guiseppe Pierantoni, five Chinese engineers and a South Korean treasure hunter.

The United States has listed Pentagon as a terrorist organization.

Inquirer archives showed Tahir had been found guilty of kidnapping Dr. Vicente Cavalida Jr., engineer Eduardo Cavalida and Cheryl Pagales in General Santos City in July 1999.

Bolted jail

He was subsequently arrested but escaped with other prisoners after MILF rebels attacked the General Santos jail in November 2000.

Friday's attack was the result of a six-month intelligence build-up against the Pentagon beginning last February.

Gil said he decided to give the go-signal for the offensive as soon as the task force had ascertained the exact positions of Tahir and his men.

No less than MILF leaders personally coordinated with the PNP for the attack, the official said.

Tip from informants

The assault came months after the Pentagon, with the help of some disgruntled members of the MILF, abducted at least six victims between May 2003 and March this year.

All the victims were kept in separate safehouses by Pentagon members in the Liguasan Marsh.

The PNP and the Armed Forces previously had problems conducting rescue operations, considering the strategic location of the marsh.

An initial assault from the sea would make government troops an easy target since suspects hiding in the marsh could easily spot and fire at them. This explained why the Friday attack was made by air.

MILF disowns Tahir

The hideout of Tahir, Lucero said, was discovered as a result of a tip from residents in the area. Military MG520 helicopters swooped down for bombing runs, after which ground forces from the 6th Infantry Division moved in for clearing operations.

Lucero said the MILF leadership was informed of the operation beforehand through the Coordination Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH).

Tahir was disowned by the MILF as one of its members after he engaged in kidnapping activities. *With a report from Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

GMA: Hand of steel vs Pentagon justified

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday justified the use of the "hand of steel" against 17 "Pentagon" kidnap gang members killed by the military in Maguindanao and branded as just retribution the death sentence meted out to the 19 Abu Sayyaf members involved in the 2001 Lamitan siege in Basilan.

"I commend the military for this operation conducted with nil collateral damage to the civilian community, and without prejudicing the peace process," the President said. "On the other hand, we have used the hand of steel in flushing out the Pentagon kidnap gang," she said.

The 17 members of the Pentagon gang were killed during a military operation in the Liguasan marsh in Central Mindanao.

Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye credited the Moro Islamic Liberation Front for "cooperating" and "helping" the military in the operation against the Pentagon members.

Successful operation

"This is part of our agreement with the MILF that they will help the military identify the terrorists' lairs," Bunye said in an RMN interview.

"So in this aspect we can really consider that the operation was very successful and our President extended her congratulations to the military and is thanking the MILF for cooperating in this operation," Bunye said.

Bunye said the operation augured well for the resumption of peace talks between the government and the MILF.

"We believe that the peace negotiations will resume once again in Kuala Lumpur. We are just waiting for the timetable from the Malaysian government which is hosting the negotiations," Bunye added.

Ms Arroyo was equally pleased with the conviction of 19 members of the Abu Sayyaf bandit group who were involved in the abduction of hospital workers in Lamitan, Basilan.

"The conviction of the ASG members in Basilan is symbolic of the complete restoration of criminal justice in that province after years of past lawlessness," the President said in a statement.

Triumph of democracy

"This is a triumph of democracy over terror," she said.

On Friday, Regional Trial Court Judge Danilo Bucoy of Isabela City, Basilan, handed out death sentences to 19 Abu Sayyaf members involved in the abduction of hospital workers during the siege of the Don Jose Ma. Torres Memorial Hospital in Lamitan on June 2, 2001.

Ms Arroyo lauded the judiciary "for this singular act of just retribution, done with determined prosecution."

"These acts of justice and active vigilance will continue to sustain the peace in Mindanao and pave the way for stability, progress and uplift in the conflict-affected areas," she said.

Preparations in place for release of 2 soldiers next week

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With these preparations already in place, the New People's Army may release Army Lt. Ronald Fidelino and Pfc. Rommel Nemeño as early as "Aug. 17 or 18," chief rebel negotiator Luis Jalandoni told the Inquirer yesterday.

"The release is now in motion, the process is ongoing," chief government negotiator Silvestre Bello III said in a separate interview.

Bello said the NPA had promised to give the government a two-day advance notice before freeing the soldiers, and this was what the authorities were now waiting for.

Officials were still clinging to a hope—however small—that the two soldiers would be freed in time for the second birthday of Fidelino's daughter tomorrow.

In a phone interview from Bacolod, Jalandoni said he had already notified Dr. Symeon Antoulas of the International Committee of the Red Cross about the release procedure for Fidelino and Nemeño.

ICRC as guardian

The ICRC is the body mandated to be the "guardian" under the Geneva Convention and international humanitarian law, he explained.

A Red Cross team will receive the prisoners of war from the NPA and conduct a medical examination and a briefing on how they were treated in captivity, before turning them over to the government, Jalandoni said.

"We are releasing them on humanitarian grounds despite delays caused by (government's violations of the Somo/Sopo (suspension of military/ police operations), which took effect on July 27," he stressed.

The original order for the suspension of hostilities, which covered the provinces of Albay and Camarines Sur, was supposed to end today but both sides agreed on Friday night to extend the truce up to one week after the captives' release, Jalandoni said.

Safe withdrawal

He said the one-week post-release period was intended to ensure the "safe withdrawal of the NPA custodial force" holding the two Army captives.

Jalandoni said that NPA units in the covered areas had been ordered to observe their part of the extended ceasefire.

"This is with the understanding and verification of the (NPA's) Romulo Jallores Command in Bicol...that the Armed Forces and the Philippine National Police are in full compliance (with the ceasefire)," he said.

Asked what the implication of all this would be on the now stalled peace negotiations in Oslo, Jalandoni could only say that this "grand gesture on our part should have a positive effect" on the negotiations.

"Every gesture (like this) on both sides should improve the atmosphere," he added.

The officers were captured last Feb. 29 after communist guerrillas ambushed their patrol in Tinambac town in Camarines Sur.

Bello said a Monday (tomorrow) freedom for the soldiers was still "technically possible."

If they were not freed tomorrow, Bello said the NPA would still have until Friday to keep its promise.

Bello said on Friday night that the NPA had promised to release their captives between Aug. 18 and 20.

Interviewed on RMN radio network, Jalandoni said the government should respond to the eventual release of Fidelino and Nemeño with the release of political prisoners, including the "Mamburao 6" and the alleged killers of US Army officer James Rowe. *With a report from Alcuin Papa*

Missing tycoon shows up . . .

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thing to his son in Chinese and sat expressionless and shaking his head for three or four minutes before he was wracked by a cough.

The nurses then delicately wheeled him out of the room.

Gilbert reiterated that he was not keeping his father against the latter's will, and that he was not preventing his mother and sisters from seeing the old man.

The Guy women had taken out newspaper advertisements stating their offer of P1 million to anyone who could provide information on Francisco's whereabouts.

They said Gilbert had taken Francisco to an "unknown location" five months ago.

The ad appealed: "Please show us our father."

'Very well-planned'

Gilbert's sisters and their mother rushed to the Linden Suites when they learned that he was going to present Francisco to the media.

Grace told the Inquirer in a phone interview that they got as far as the 27th floor but that Francisco had been whisked out of the conference venue by that time.

She said Gilbert must have been tipped off by the 10 or so bodyguards stationed in the hotel lobby who were carrying handheld radios.

Grace said they hurried back down to the lobby only to see a fleet of cars emerging from the basement, presumably with Francisco in one of the cars.

"It was very well-planned, like they knew we were going out there. We were not able to see him," she said, adding that she had recognized some of the bodyguards as having worked at the 3D offices.

Francisco's wife, Simny, said: "Why won't he let us see his father? If he can present him to the media, why can't we see him, too?"

Gilbert, president of Northern Islands Co. Inc., which sells 3D appliances, among other brands, said his father had lived with him for the past 20 years in his home in White Plains, Quezon City.

'Reckless, dangerous lies'

"Once and for all, we can put a stop to the reckless, dangerous lies that have been peddled around by irresponsible personalities about me and my father," Gilbert said at the press conference.

"We have kept quiet as long as we could but we are now compelled to face the media to assure everyone that my father is safe," he said.

He appealed to his siblings and mother to respect his father's privacy and dignity and desist from making any moves in the media that would endanger the latter's safety and well-being.

Lito Mondragon, Gilbert's lawyer and spokesperson, said Judge Vivencio Baclig of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court had dismissed with finality an earlier petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed by Simny Guy and her daughter Grace.

Gilbert is the younger son and middle child of the brood.

His elder brother, Gaspar, a missionary living in Tagaytay, is not involved in the feud and is said to be also estranged from him.

'Like a prisoner'

The Guy women said they had not seen Francisco since March 17.

Grace said they would pursue their cases against Gilbert even after their petition for habeas corpus was denied.

To Gilbert's claim that his mother left the family home last March 3 to move in with his sister without reason, Simny had this to say: "He is telling lies. I left the house because I was like a prisoner in that house. I could not come and go as I pleased."

Simny also said it pained her to be locked in a court battle with her son and to hear his "lies."

"I gave that house in Green Meadows to him and his family, and this is what he does. I gave everything to him. I cannot understand why he is doing this," the mother said.

"I am very, very sad. I think I am dying. I just want to see my husband. I cannot take this anymore," she said.

The Guy women had earlier sought the help of the National Bureau of Investigation in looking for Francisco.

'Family problem'

Gilbert said that the conflict was "just a family problem."

He denied that it had affected the family businesses and was a result of a dispute over who will inherit Francisco's businesses.

Gilbert currently heads Northern Islands as president and is the majority owner of Smartnet Communications. He is also involved in the leasing of warehouses.

He denied using his father to get the sympathy of creditors for Smartnet, which is reportedly faced with billion-peso losses.

In the ad, the Guy women "promised" to help Gilbert with his financial problems. "Don't be desperate about your problems with money. We will help you. Do not hurt your father. He's been good to us, especially to you."

"It is just a family problem; it is a slight disturbance," Gilbert said. "At the end, that is still my mother, those are still my sisters, so eventually, this problem will be resolved. It will be just a matter of days."

Asked if the feud was about inheritance, he said: "Everybody is still alive, so it's not."

Humble beginnings

Francisco had humble beginnings sweeping floors and cleaning bathrooms.

From his savings, he started a small trading business that grew to be Northern Islands Co. Inc.

Gilbert earlier said his siblings, whom he claimed were Canadian citizens, took legal action against him because he got 80 percent of the shares in the family company.

He said his father, in recognition of his dedication, sold him 80 percent of the shares in 1986, thereby giving him control of the company.

Coast Guard beckons . . .

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126th squadron of the PCG Administration, facilitated the first "adoption" in 2002.

Lane's squadron was responsible for the restoration of the Farola at the mouth of the Pasig River, a Spanish lighthouse built in 1642 and reportedly the oldest in the country and in Asia.

Through the squadron's efforts, the grounds surrounding the light station are well maintained and proudly display a marker of the National Historical Institute.

Also adopted by NGOs last year were the Bagacay Lighthouse in Cebu and the Light Station in Cape Bojeador, Ilocos Norte.

20 lighthouse era

The Faro de Punta de Malabrigo commands a panoramic view of Balayan Bay and Mindoro island from a hill at the southern end of the province of Batangas.

It is one of the 20 lighthouses built in the Philippines during the Spanish colonial period.

Completed in October 1892, the lighthouse guided ships through the narrow Verde Island passage of the San Bernardino Strait heading for Manila or the ports of Iloilo and Cebu.

Through the past century, mariners have seen it glowing beneath the moon and standing strong like a loyal sentry through raging storms and fierce sea battles, its light shining in the darkness as a symbol of hope and trust.

According to a paper written by Manuel Maximo Lopez del Castillo-Noche, plans for the lighthouse were prepared by Guillermo Brockman and were finalized on Jan. 31, 1891. It was approved on April 15 of that year, and work started on Nov. 26, 1892, with a Chinese contractor named Jose Garcia.

The design of the lighthouse followed the traditional layout of tower, pavilion, service building and enclosed courtyard.

The tower, made entirely of bricks, was designed along the line of the Cabo Santiago as well as those found in the Islet of San Bernardino.

Round in form, with the lower third tapering inward (thus acting as a buttress support for the mass of the whole shaft), the tower is attached to the pavilion by the rear verandah. Recessed rings rising all the way to the balcony, which is supported by a decorative grille, define the tower shaft.

Subtle changes

The Malabrigo Lighthouse has undergone subtle changes.

It still sits in quiet isolation but no longer appears like a place that time forgot even if its iron entrance gates to the courtyard are often closed. It even appears to be freshly painted.

Solar-powered halogen lamps are now used to keep vessels on course. The grounds are neat and clean. Its rooms are empty but the wooden shutters and doors are intact, although there are graffiti on the walls and holes in the floor.

The massive mahogany cabinet (where logbooks dating back to 1951 are stored), copper and bronze lanterns, a clock and other Malabrigo relics are on display at the Museo de Faro Hall in Sangley Point.

Visitors welcome

Capt. Cesar Sarile of the PCG will be happy to entertain visitors.

As the new custodians draw up plans and drum up support, it will do everyone good to recognize the crucial role that the Malabrigo Lighthouse has played and its relevance in today's society.

With the help of written documents and a little imagination, it offers us a sense of a past era when dependability, integrity and selfless service meant something.

For inquiries on the Adopt-a-Lighthouse Project, call Capt. Marsh Thomson at 527-3985 or 0917-8353504 or Capt. Robert Lane at 514-1837 or 0917-8950936.

'Lizzie McGuire's' Fil-Am friend arrives to promote RP

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

LIZZIE McGuire's best friend is in town and she is as Filipino as *sinigang*.

Seventeen-year-old Filipino-American singer-actress Lalaine Vergara-Paras, or simply Lalaine, is best known for her role as Miranda Sanchez, the best friend of Lizzie McGuire, played by Hilary Duff.

The now defunct Disney hit series made Lalaine and her multi-colored hair famous. She was a special guest of President Macapagal-Arroyo at Malacañang yesterday.

Ms Arroyo congratulated the lively teener for her achievements as an actress, dancer, singer, composer and for being a good model for the young generation.

In 1997, Lalaine played Little Cosette for almost a year in the Broadway production of "Les Miserables." In 1999, she essayed the role of Kate in the made-for-TV Disney movie "Annie," before landing the plum role of Miranda in "Lizzie McGuire" in 2001.

This year, she starred in her first independent movie titled "Promised Land."

She is currently a singing sensation on Radio Disney, where her single "You Wish" topped US charts. She is scheduled to release her solo album at year's end.

"I'm sure you will be (more) successful. We Filipinos are very proud of you and claim you as our own," Ms Arroyo told Lalaine at the Palace Music Room yesterday.

The actress is in the country shooting "Flipside," featuring a young Fil-Am's journey home to rediscover her roots, values and traditions.

"Flipside" is a one-season 13-episode program that will start airing in October in Asia and North America via The Filipino Channel. The show aims to reach out to the younger generation of Filipinos abroad, said Emily Abrera, chair of CCI Asia Television Inc., the show's producer.

Lalaine could be the "relevant voice" that would tell young Filipinos to rediscover their culture, said Abrera, who's also chair of McCann-Erickson Phils.

"It's like a documentary, a travelogue-cum-lifestyle *balikbayan* show that she will host," she said. "Flipside" is a co-production of Living Asia Channel— which Abrera's late husband Caloy pioneered—the Sari Sari Group and Philippine Airlines.

Lalaine was accompanied to Malacañang by her mother Lilia Paras, Abrera and CCIAT officers John Carl Magno, Lourdes Rosales, Michael Patrick Lee, Antero Javier, Evelyn Reyes and Sari Sari Group vice president Ma. Nimfa Ocampo.

Born in California, Lalaine last visited the country in 1995 when she was eight. She is conversant in Filipino.

Since arriving here on Aug. 5, she has toured historic Intramuros, shopped at Greenbelt, Makati; Greenhills, San Juan, and Quiapo, Manila, where she bought a wooden rosary bracelet.

Today, she plans to motor to the scenic towns of Taal and Cuenca, in her mother's home province of Batangas. She will also visit Tagaytay Highlands and Nature Spa in Tagaytay City.

Ms Arroyo asked Lalaine not to forget her cultural roots, to find fulfillment in her work, and to help promote the Philippines as a tourist destination.

LALAINE nestles up to her mom Lilia Paras at Malacañang while waiting for President Arroyo to receive them.

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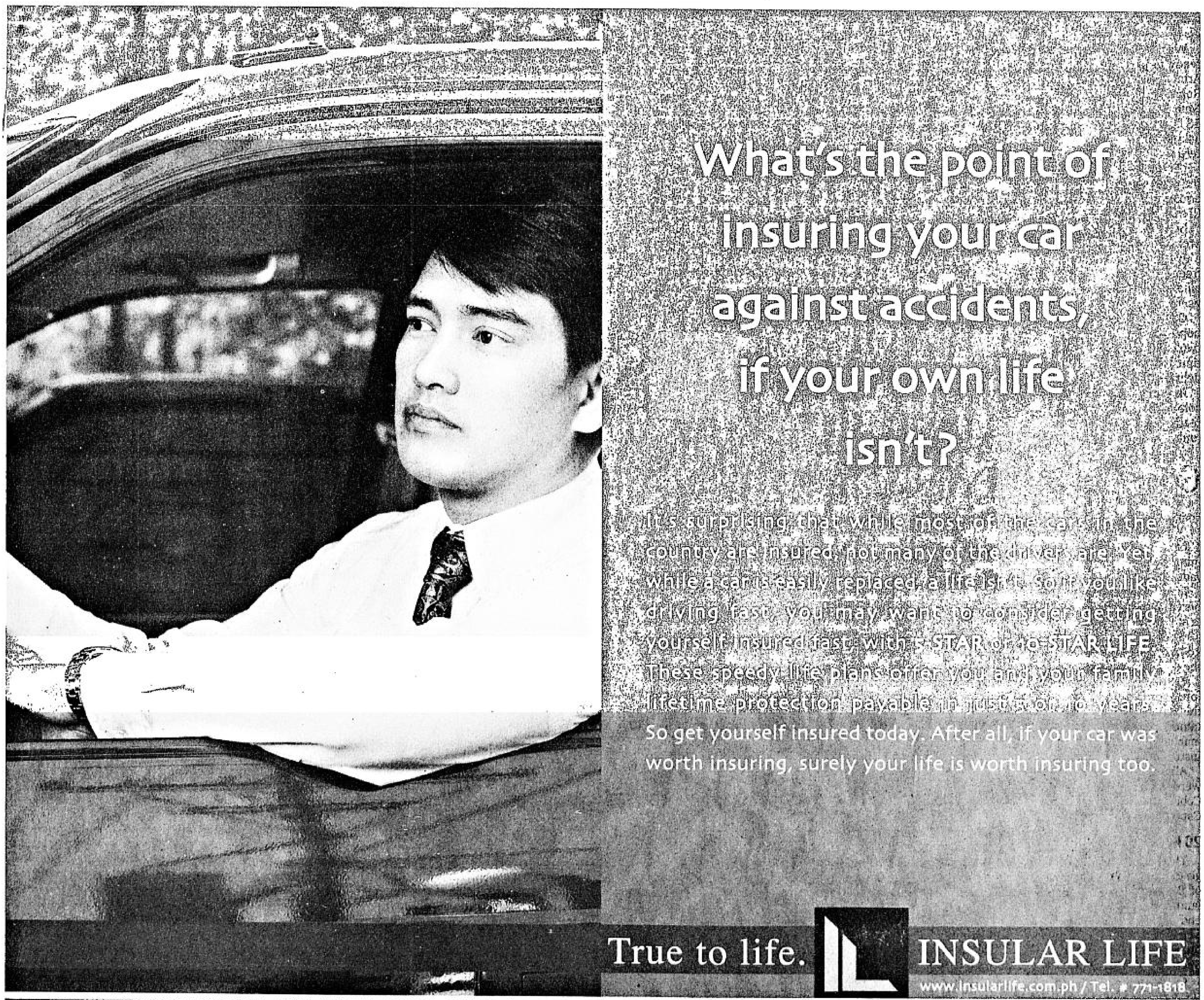

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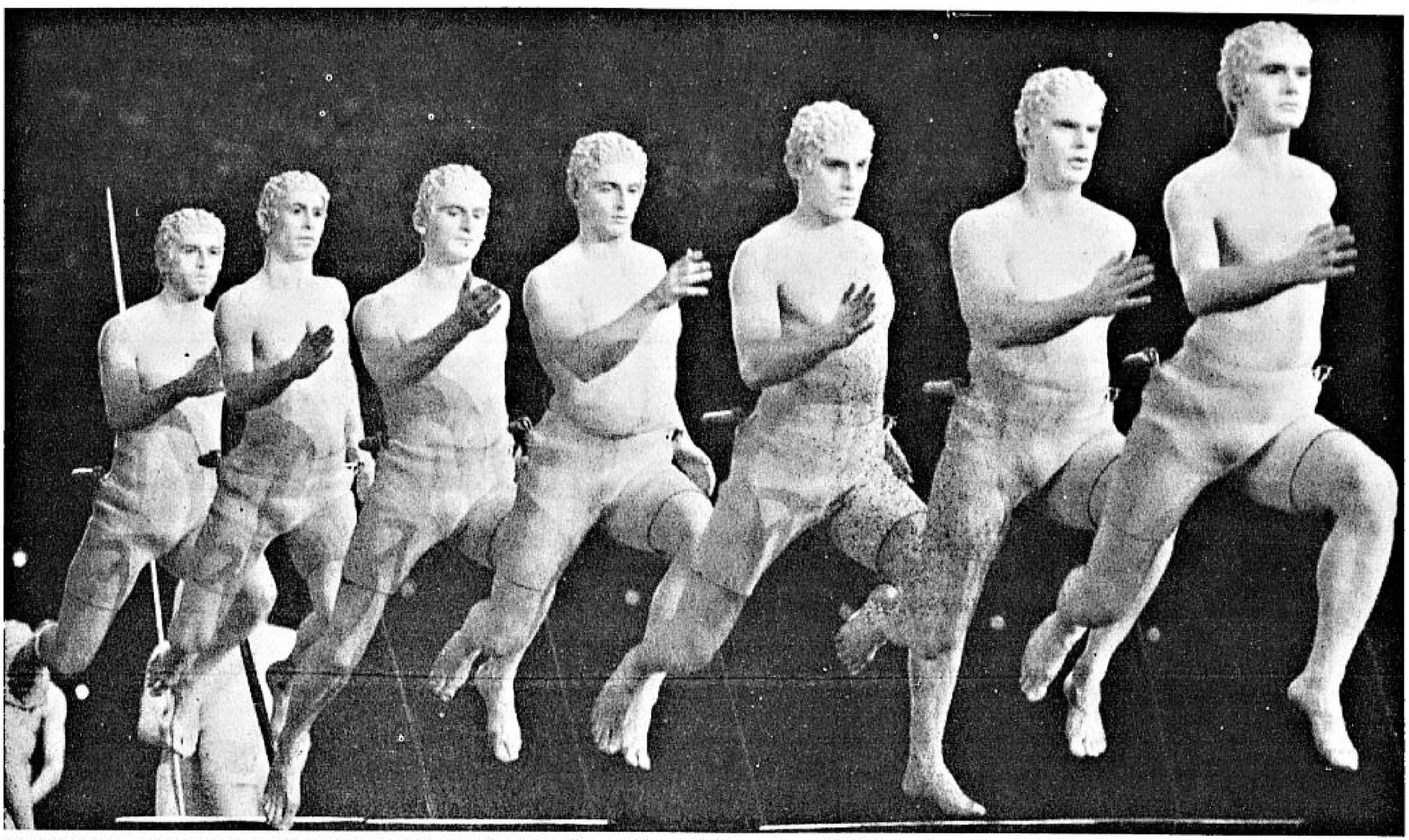


GREEK mythology figures come to life to perform at the opening of the Olympic Games that is costing $7.2-billion to stage. AP

ATHENS—Greece staged a triumphal pageant to welcome home the Olympic Games on Friday, weaving ancient tradition and modern technology that lifted spirits after a drugs scandal engulfed the home nation's two top athletes.

By the time the Olympic flame was lit, three hours of music, dance and fireworks had helped dispel lingering doubts about Athens' readiness and taken minds off gold medal sprinter Costis Kenteris, expected to carry the torch, who lay instead in hospital facing expulsion and shame for missing a dope test.

As helicopters patrolled the skies and troops ringed the futuristic new Olympic Stadium for the first Summer Games since the Sept. 11 attacks, Olympics chief Jacques Rogge urged athletes to set an example for world peace. Pointedly, he told them to forswear the drugs that have so tarnished sport's image.

In an age where the televised spectacular has become almost commonplace, tens of thousands of spectators gasped in delight throughout—from the moment a boy aboard a paper boat sailed across a flooded arena to a video greeting from the Russian and American crew of the International Space Station.

Billions of viewers around the globe saw the teams of 202 countries parade behind their flags.

The troubled nations of Iraq and Afghanistan won the biggest cheers, roars of approval met hand-holding North and South Koreans and there was warm applause for the big US team, despite American fears of a chilly welcome.

The 75,000-seat stadium is the centerpiece of an impressive array of venues, completed in a late spurt to host the world's biggest sporting festival after years of political wrangling and international concern that delays might scupper the Games.

"The country that gave birth to athleticism welcomes you," said the announcer before Greek President Costis Stephanopoulos declared the Games open in the city where they were revived in 1896 and the country that created them nearly 3,000 years ago.

Windsurfer Nikos Kakalamanakis, a gold medalist in Atlanta eight years ago, lit the Olympic flame that will burn throughout the next 16 days of action in 28 sports.

He was by all accounts a late substitute for Kenteris, the Olympic 200 meters champion who had plunged home fans into despair by missing an eve-of-Games drugs test and then crashing his motorbike, leaving his participation in doubt.

His training partner and passenger on the bike, Katerina Thanou, the 100 meters silver medalist in Sydney four years ago, also missed a test and also lies injured in hospital.

Games organizers gave the pair a three-day reprieve, scheduling a hearing for Monday that will determine whether they are allowed to compete when the athletics competition begins next Friday.

A heartbeat of drums had counted down to the opening moment of the pageant. Amid torchlight and fireworks, giant sculptures appeared above the waters of the arena.

A living frieze of Greek myth and history paraded by, the voice of opera diva Maria Callas echoed across the stadium and lasers created a DNA helix.

Many of the 10,500 athletes streamed in for the traditional march of the competitors, with tiny Saint Lucia—Agia Loukia in Greek—taking alphabetical pride of place at their head.

Political leaders and crowned heads from around Europe and the wider world watched the proceedings. Former US President George Bush was in Greece to join world leaders in a show of unity behind the Olympic ideal of peace.

Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, Greece's old foe, said he would bring a message of global cooperation and Turkish athletes were among those given a warm welcome by the crowd.

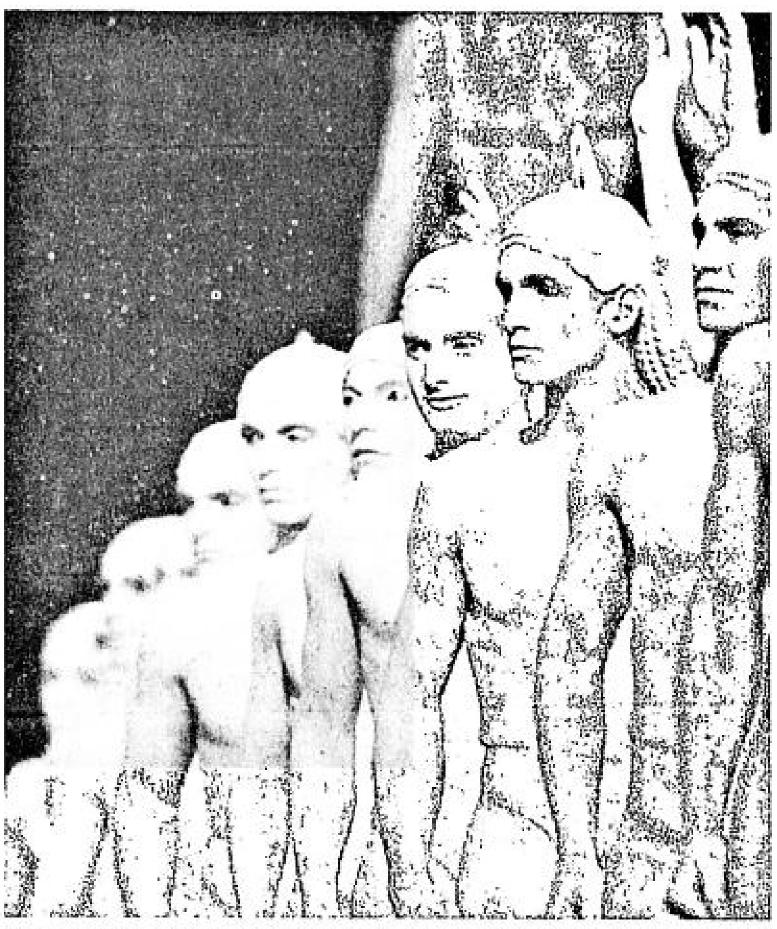
Organizers expected four billion watched on television.

Hours before the ceremony, Rogge's International Olympic Committee (IOC) spared the host nation major embarrassment by granting "Greece Lightning" Kenteris and Thanou more time to explain why they missed Thursday's dope tests.

The twists and turns of the drama stunned Greece as television and radio stations broke into programs with the latest news on the nation's heroes.

Officials said neither was seriously hurt but had been ordered to stay in medical care for at least two more days.

The Greek National Olympic Committee said it would hold a special meeting on Saturday to discuss the affair. *Reuters*



GRECIAN dominates the theme of the opening ceremonies attended by 10,000 athletes representing 202 countries. AFP

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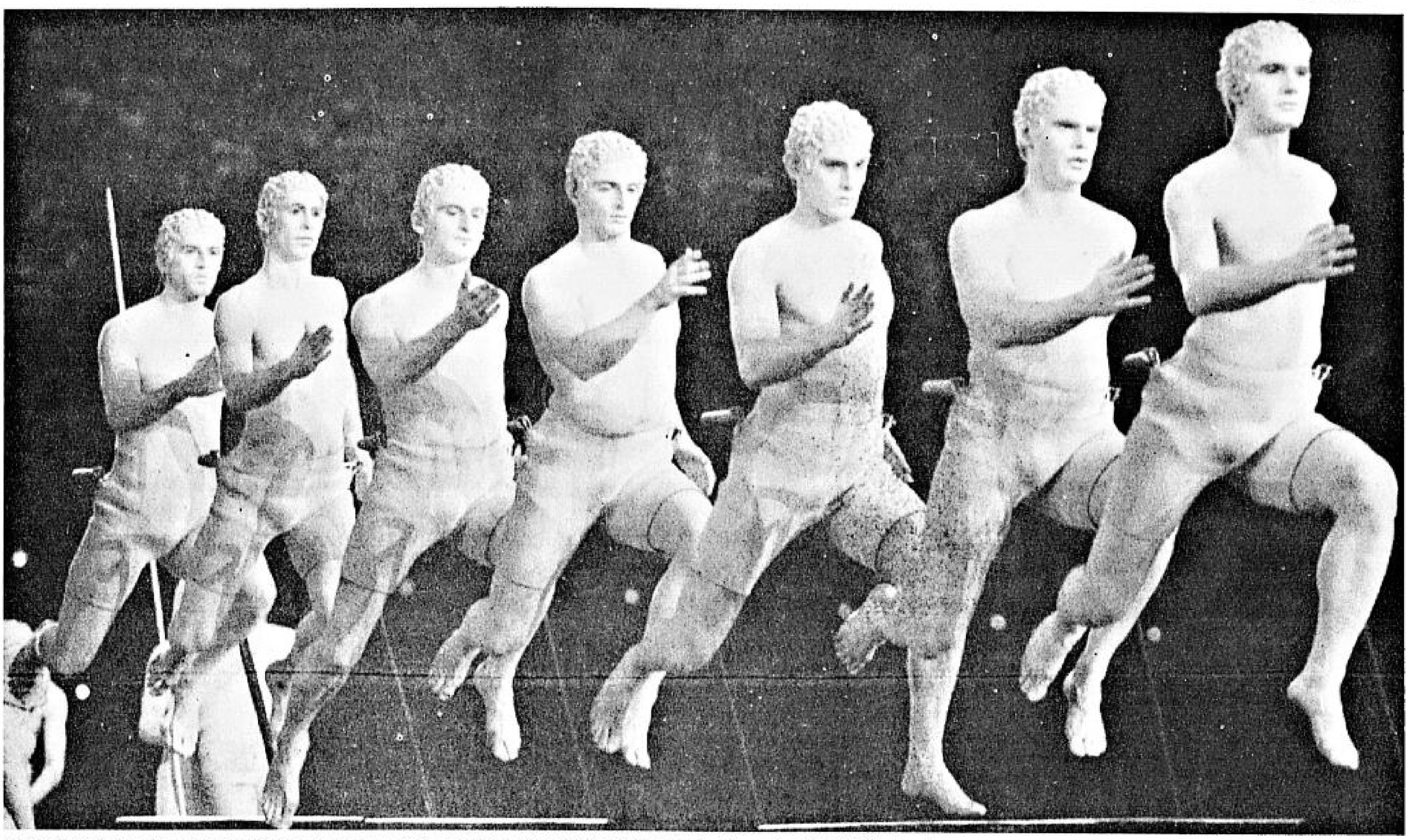


GREEK mythology figures come to life to perform at the opening of the Olympic Games that is costing $7.2-billion to stage. AP

ATHENS—Greece staged a triumphal pageant to welcome home the Olympic Games on Friday, weaving ancient tradition and modern technology that lifted spirits after a drugs scandal engulfed the home nation's two top athletes.

By the time the Olympic flame was lit, three hours of music, dance and fireworks had helped dispel lingering doubts about Athens' readiness and taken minds off gold medal sprinter Costis Kenteris, expected to carry the torch, who lay instead in hospital facing expulsion and shame for missing a dope test.

As helicopters patrolled the skies and troops ringed the futuristic new Olympic Stadium for the first Summer Games since the Sept. 11 attacks, Olympics chief Jacques Rogge urged athletes to set an example for world peace. Pointedly, he told them to forswear the drugs that have so tarnished sport's image.

In an age where the televised spectacular has become almost commonplace, tens of thousands of spectators gasped in delight throughout—from the moment a boy aboard a paper boat sailed across a flooded arena to a video greeting from the Russian and American crew of the International Space Station.

Billions of viewers around the globe saw the teams of 202 countries parade behind their flags.

The troubled nations of Iraq and Afghanistan won the biggest cheers, roars of approval met hand-holding North and South Koreans and there was warm applause for the big US team, despite American fears of a chilly welcome.

The 75,000-seat stadium is the centerpiece of an impressive array of venues, completed in a late spurt to host the world's biggest sporting festival after years of political wrangling and international concern that delays might scupper the Games.

"The country that gave birth to athleticism welcomes you," said the announcer before Greek President Costis Stephanopoulos declared the Games open in the city where they were revived in 1896 and the country that created them nearly 3,000 years ago.

Windsurfer Nikos Kakalamanakis, a gold medalist in Atlanta eight years ago, lit the Olympic flame that will burn throughout the next 16 days of action in 28 sports.

He was by all accounts a late substitute for Kenteris, the Olympic 200 meters champion who had plunged home fans into despair by missing an eve-of-Games drugs test and then crashing his motorbike, leaving his participation in doubt.

His training partner and passenger on the bike, Katerina Thanou, the 100 meters silver medalist in Sydney four years ago, also missed a test and also lies injured in hospital.

Games organizers gave the pair a three-day reprieve, scheduling a hearing for Monday that will determine whether they are allowed to compete when the athletics competition begins next Friday.

A heartbeat of drums had counted down to the opening moment of the pageant. Amid torchlight and fireworks, giant sculptures appeared above the waters of the arena.

A living frieze of Greek myth and history paraded by, the voice of opera diva Maria Callas echoed across the stadium and lasers created a DNA helix.

Many of the 10,500 athletes streamed in for the traditional march of the competitors, with tiny Saint Lucia—Agia Loukia in Greek—taking alphabetical pride of place at their head.

Political leaders and crowned heads from around Europe and the wider world watched the proceedings. Former US President George Bush was in Greece to join world leaders in a show of unity behind the Olympic ideal of peace.

Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, Greece's old foe, said he would bring a message of global cooperation and Turkish athletes were among those given a warm welcome by the crowd.

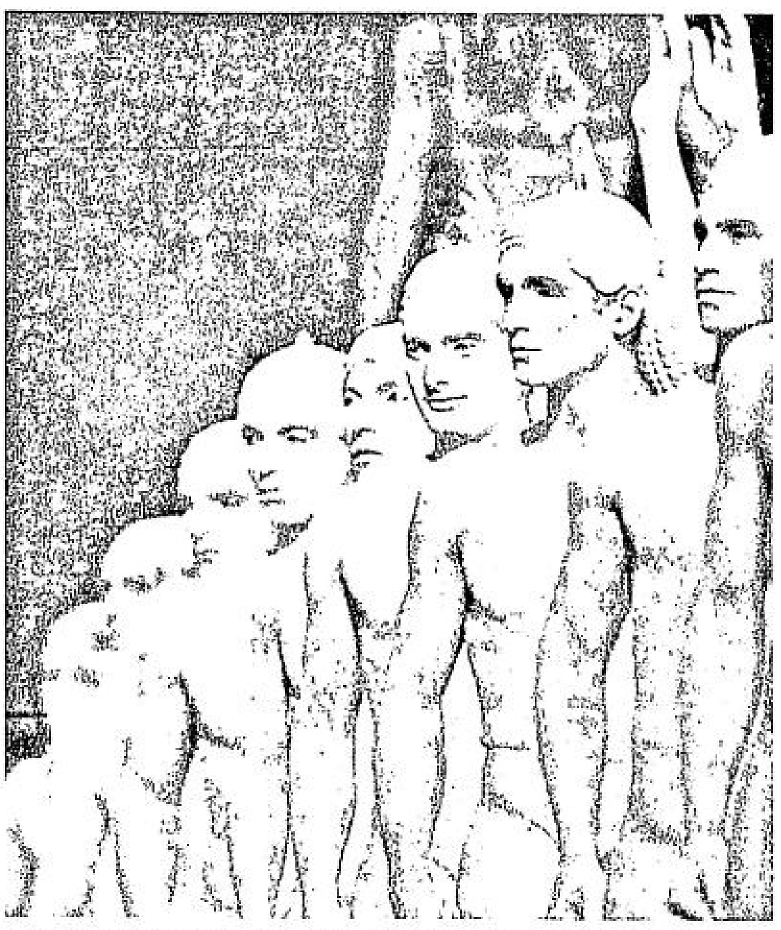
Organizers expected four billion watched on television.

Hours before the ceremony, Rogge's International Olympic Committee (IOC) spared the host nation major embarrassment by granting "Greece Lightning" Kenteris and Thanou more time to explain why they missed Thursday's dope tests.

The twists and turns of the drama stunned Greece as television and radio stations broke into programs with the latest news on the nation's heroes.

Officials said neither was seriously hurt but had been ordered to stay in medical care for at least two more days.

The Greek National Olympic Committee said it would hold a special meeting on Saturday to discuss the affair. *Reuters*



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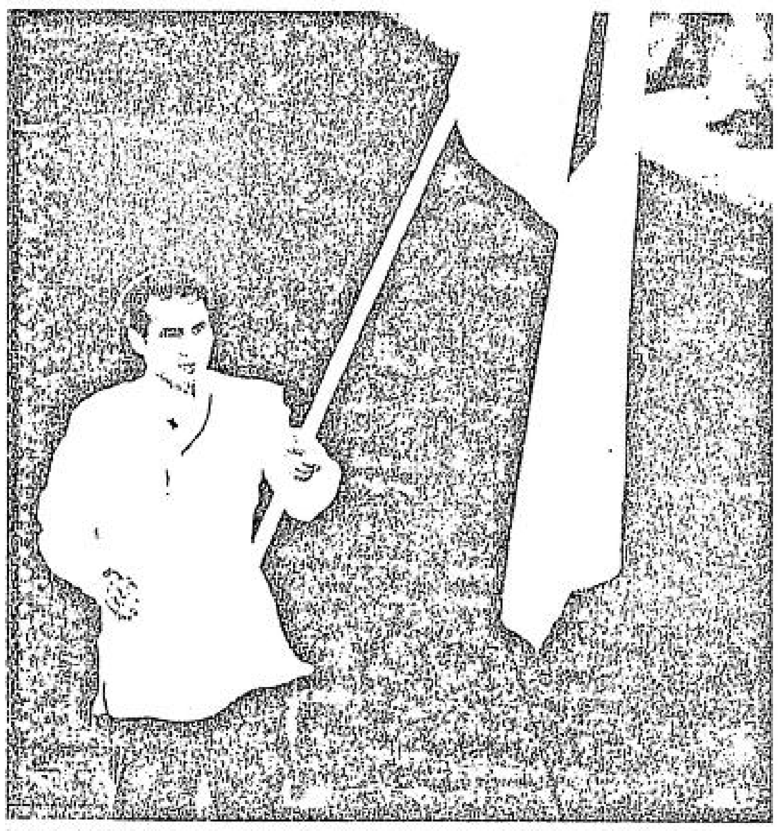

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Bobby Fischer seeks RP chess clubs' support

BAGUIO CITY—Reclusive chess grandmaster Bobby Fischer called a Baguio radio station on Thursday to ask Filipino chess clubs to protest his detention in Japan.

Fischer told Pablo Mercado, station manager of Bombo Radyo, in a live broadcast at 7 p.m. that Washington would wait for the opening of the Olympic Games on Saturday before he is "spirited" back to the United States where he said he expected to be "tortured and murdered."

He asked Filipinos to march to the US Embassy in Manila to demand his release.

The 30-minute interview emanated from a public pay phone near Fischer's holding cell, where the grandmaster has been detained the past 28 days, Mercado said.

Fischer was stopped by authorities at the Narita International Airport on his way to the Philippines on July 16 after finding that he was using a canceled US passport.

He is wanted in the US for violating sanctions against Yugoslavia when he played a match there in 1992 against Russian Boris Spassky.

Fischer told the INQUIRER in 2001 during one of his visits to Baguio that he had traveled the world to elude Jews and US officials who, he said, were out to destroy him.

"Fischer had been broadcasting his tirades (against America, Israel and the world Jewish community) through overseas calls he made to Bombo Radyo for over a year before he flew here," Mercado said.

Fischer repeated his tirades on Thursday during the Bombo Radyo broadcast. Fischer also vented his ire at Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi for his present difficulties.

"I asked (Fischer) how he was. When he first phoned me (off the air), he sounded very sluggish, very sad. But he assured me he was being treated well (in Japan)," Mercado said.

Fischer almost pounced on Mercado when he mistook the broadcaster's polite "okays" for a lack of sympathy for the chess genius' legal troubles.

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By Nelson F. Flores

ALL LOCAL officials elected last May 10 will undergo training in all aspects of local governance to make them effective managers.

In a statement, Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes said the Local Government Academy, the training arm of the Department of Interior and Local Government, has developed different training modules and courses on various aspects of local government administration, which the new local officials and even those who had been reelected could avail of.

He said the training modules include "Jump-starting Local Development: Managing the First Steps," a course for newly elected officials, and "Looking Forward to Better Governance," a continuing competency-building course for reelected officials.

Reyes said the first course is designed to facilitate the transition of new officials into their roles as managers of local government units (LGUs).

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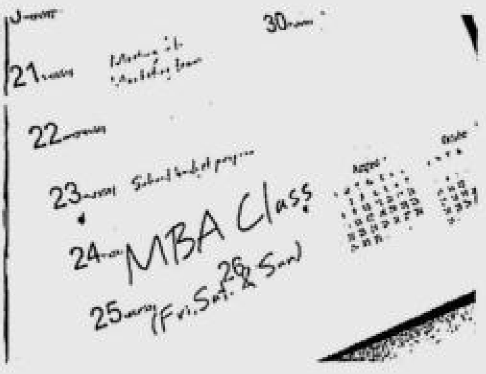

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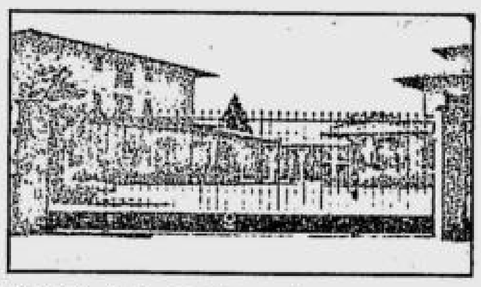

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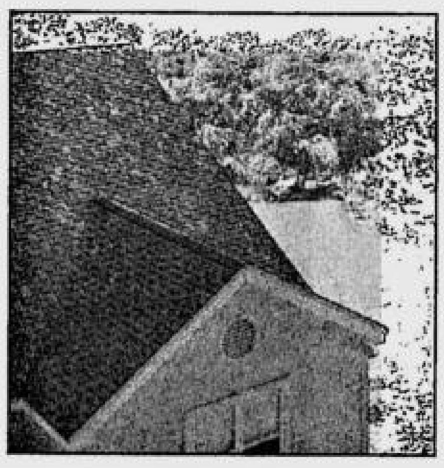

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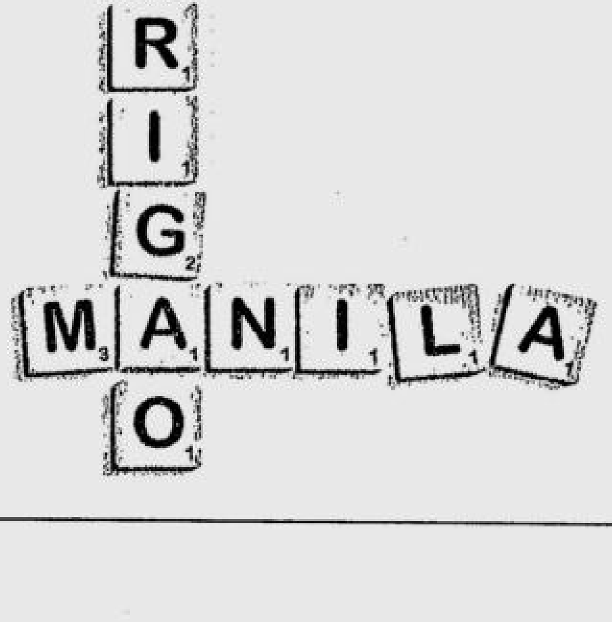

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US forces kill 90 Iraqi insurgents

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BAGHDAD—US forces killed around 90 insurgents in Iraqi towns north and south of Baghdad on Saturday, but a truce appeared to be holding in the holy city of Najaf despite a radical cleric's threat to fight to the death.

The fresh violence erupted on the eve of a national conference aimed at advancing Iraq's progress toward democracy, already overshadowed by a 10-day Shiite Muslim uprising led by radical cleric Moqtada Sadr.

The US military said it had killed about 50 fighters near the northern town of Samarra, a mainly Sunni Muslim area where US troops have launched repeated raids to flush out guerrillas opposed to the presence of foreign troops in Iraq.

Warplanes screaming overhead dropped 500-pound bombs, while insurgents responded with rifle fire and rocket-propelled grenades, a US military statement said, adding that there were no US casualties.

Iraqi police in Samarra said at least five people were killed and 50 wounded in fighting in the area, 100 km north of Baghdad.

Fighting also raged between US troops and Sadr followers in the southern Shiite town of Hilla overnight. Forty fighters and three police were killed, Iraq's interior ministry said.

The clashes followed a day of relative calm in the southern city of Najaf, where US marines backed by tanks and warplanes launched an assault on Thursday aimed at crushing a rebellion by Sadr's fighters.

A truce seemed to be holding for a second day in Najaf on Saturday, allowing some residents to venture out and inspect the damage of more than a week of fighting.

Militiamen remained in some streets around the Imam Ali Mosque and a nearby vast cemetery while US forces patrolled other parts of the city.

Separately, the US military said one soldier and one marine were killed on Friday in western Iraq.

The surge in fighting has proved the most serious challenge for interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi since his government assumed power from US occupiers on June 28, tasked with steering the country to elections in January 2005.

The national conference, due to open in Baghdad on Sunday, aims to pick a 100-member council to oversee the government.

Allawi said last week that the political process is open to all, but Sadr—buoyed by mass protests by his supporters on Friday—appeared in no mood to cut a deal as his aides said they were offered too little too late.

Encircled by US troops in Najaf's sacred Imam Ali Mosque, Sadr pledged to stay in the city until victory or death, dampening hopes that Allawi's government would be able to negotiate a speedy end to the confrontation.

"I will not leave this holy city," he told his fighters, who chanted "no, no to America" in response. "We will remain here defending the holy shrines till victory or martyrdom."

Sadr appeared before his supporters wearing bandages late on Friday, apparently confirming reports by aides that he had been wounded in fighting earlier in the day. *Reuters*

A MUSLIM girl holds an AK-47 given to her by a Mahdi soldier, as supporters of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr set camp at the ancient Imam Ali mosque, a revered Shiite holy site, after the US military suspended operations against Sadr's fighters in the southern Iraqi city of Najaf early Aug. 14. AP

Hurricane hits Florida west coast

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla.—Hurricane "Charley" leveled houses and snapped trees in half as it raged into the western Florida coast, leaving 1 million people without power and an expected billion-dollar price tag before moving into the Atlantic on Saturday.

A hurricane warning extended from Georgia to the North Carolina-Virginia state line as Charley churned through the ocean, the US National Hurricane Center said. It was expected to reach the South Carolina coast later in the day.

Packing winds of 233 kph, Charlie was a powerful Category 4 storm when came ashore on Friday at Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte, catching many residents unprepared because of expectations the brunt of the hurricane would hit the coast much farther north.

"I never seen anything like this before," said Victor Rivera as he stood on top of a pile of rubble that used to be the car parts shop where he worked in Port Charlotte.

The storm plowed across central Florida, weakening as it dumped heavy rains on Orlando, home to Disney World, and aimed for the Atlantic. Charley was expected to regain some strength over the water before crossing back onto land in the Carolinas and proceeding through to the north as a tropical storm. *Reuters*

First India execution in decade

CALCUTTA—A man convicted of raping and killing a schoolgirl was hanged Saturday in India's first execution in nearly a de-cade, to the dismay of campaigners against the death penalty.

Apartment guard Dhananjoy Chatterjee, 42, was executed at 4:30 a.m. in the eastern city of Calcutta, a jail official told reporters outside the prison.

Chatterjee had been sentenced to death in 1991 for the rape and murder the previous year of a teenage schoolgirl who was a tenant in his building. Lawyers exhausted all appeals and President Abdul Kalam refused clemency.

Hundreds of people gathered outside the prison for an all-night vigil against the execution. About 200 policemen watched over the crowd.

Some of the protesters carried banners which read "Stop capital punishment" and "Abolish the death penalty."

"It is inhumane to hang anyone in a civilized society. The government has done an injustice to Dhananjoy by hanging him," said protester Sujata Bakdra, representative of the Association for Protection of Democratic Rights.

Human rights groups held candlelight processions in a number of other Indian cities.

India's Supreme Court rarely authorizes, executions and they are regularly delayed indefinitely or commuted by the president. The government is guarded about disclosing its death penalty records. *AFP*

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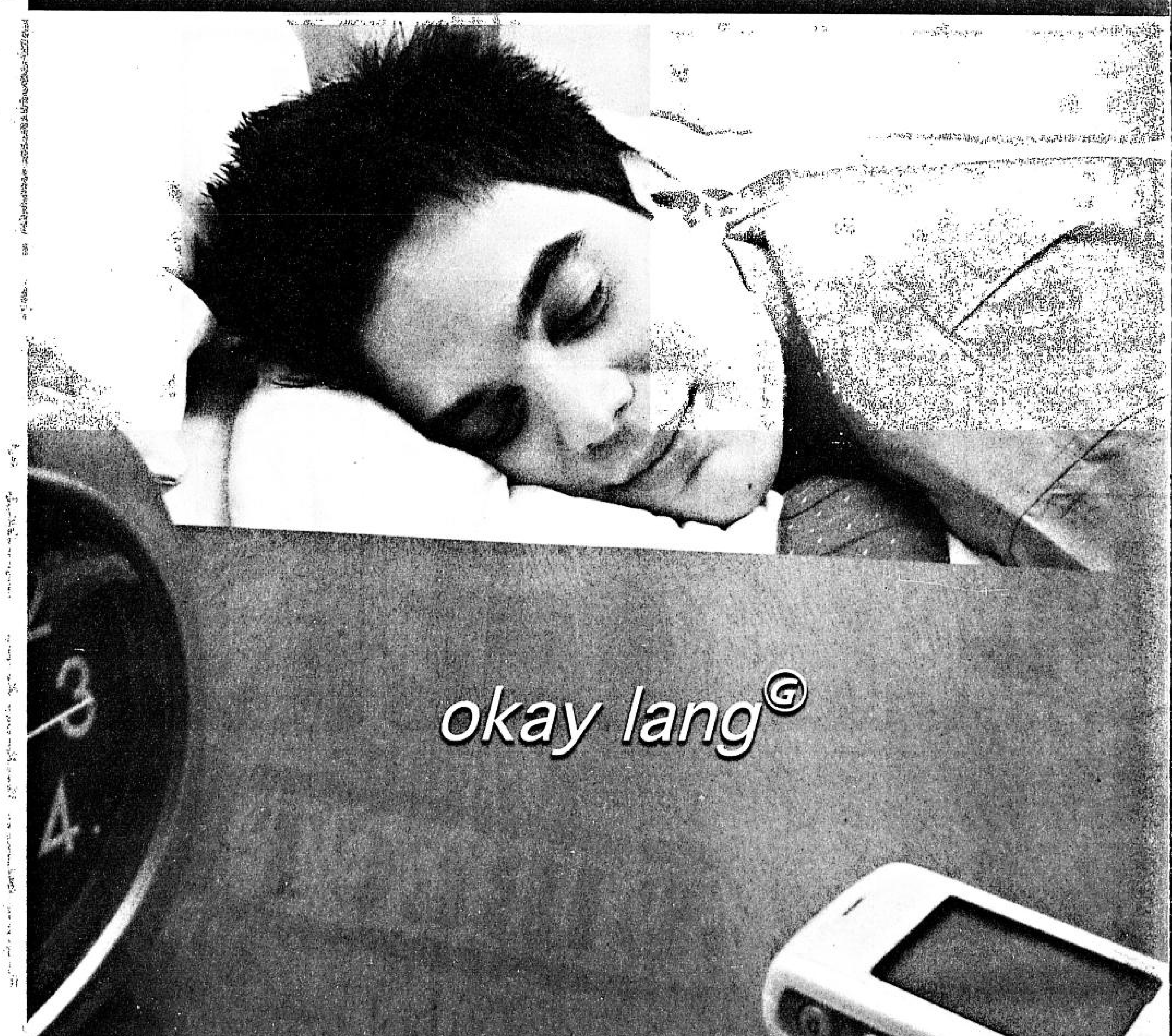

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JULIA Child showing off her recently remodeled kitchen in her Montecito, Calif., home on Feb. 15, 2002. AP

US cuisine queen Julia Child, 91

NEW YORK—Julia Child, the grande dame of US television cooking shows whose operatic voice and irreverent attitude brought French haute cuisine into America's humble kitchens, died in her sleep at her California home on Friday at the age of 91.

"She died just a little before 3 a.m. this morning, very, very peacefully in her sleep," Child's nephew David McWilliams said. "It was the way she wanted to go. She didn't want to be in a hospital."

Child was with family, friends and her cat Minou when she died of kidney failure at her Santa Barbara home, said her niece, Philadelphia Cousins. Child, who would have been 92 on Sunday, was willful to the very end, pulling off her oxygen mask just hours before her death, she said.

Child has been synonymous with fine cooking in America since 1963, when her first TV show, "The French Chef," became a public television hit and sold millions of books.

Friends said they were devastated, among them Ihsan Gurdal, owner of one of Child's favorite stores, Formaggio Kitchen in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"She would stand by the counter, taste things, make remarks, tell customers what to buy, what's right, what's not," Gurdal, who knew Child for more than 20 years, said.

"She didn't spare her words. What came into her mind came right out. It was beautiful."

Asked by a radio interviewer once what her ultimate meal would be, Child said: "Red meat and a bottle of gin."

Longtime friend Jacques Pepin, who cooked for the late French President Charles de Gaulle and starred with Child in her final TV cooking show, said, "People have said she was more French than I was, and to a certain extent it was true. She was a true person. There was nothing fake about her.

And people can see that through the camera."

President George W. Bush paid tribute, saying Child "enriched America with her optimism and enthusiasm for life... She taught millions to enjoy cooking." *Reuters*

180 Congolese refugees massacred in UN camp

BUJUMBURA, Burundi—Dozens of unknown assailants attacked a UN refugee camp in western Burundi, shooting and hacking to death at least 150 Congolese refugees, witnesses and local officials said Saturday.

An additional 30 people died in the hospital following the late Friday attack on the refugee camp near the border with Congo, said Isabelle Abric, spokeswoman of the UN mission in Burundi.

"It is too early to identify the attackers," Abric said. "Some 150 people were killed on the spot and another 100 people were wounded and brought to hospital in (the Burundian capital in) Bujumbura, and we have learned that an additional 30 people died in hospital."

The assailants raided the camp late Friday, screaming war cries and torching a refugee camp in Gatumba, 20 km from the Congolese border town of Uvira, Louis Niyonzima, a local official, said.

The camp sheltered Congolese ethnic Tutsi refugees, known as the Banyamulenge, who fled fighting in the country's troubled border province of South Kivu, Niyonzima said.

United Nations officials from Congo and Burundi are visiting the stricken camp to investigate the attack, said Eliana Nabaa, a spokeswoman of the UN mission in Congo.

"What we have seen so far are many, many, many bodies of children, women and men," Nabaa said by telephone from Bukavu, capital of South Kivu. "People were sleeping when the attack happened. People were killed as they tried to escape."

"The scene is absolutely horrific. There are many people burnt, families, children, women and men burnt," Nabaa said.

Dozens of well armed attackers raided the camp, Nabaa said.

"The attack was very well organized, the operation was planned well, they had a lot of weapons," Nabaa said.

A Burundian rebel group has issued a statement claiming responsibility for the attack, Nabaa said.

However, UN officials are studying whether the attack was carried out with the assistance of Congolese tribal fighters known as the Mayi Mayi or Rwandan rebels based in eastern Congo, Nabaa said.

The Rwandan insurgents include members of the former army and the extremists Interahamwe militia who fled to Congo after playing a key role in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

More than 500,000 minority Tutsis and political moderates from the Hutu majority were killed in the 100-day slaughter organized by the extremist Hutu government then in power. *AP*

Lourdes braces for ailing Pope's visit

LOURDES, France—Some praying, some singing, 300,000 Roman Catholic pilgrims thronged the French Pyrenees town of Lourdes early Saturday to welcome Pope John Paul II on the 104th foreign visit of his pontificate.

The 84-year-old Pontiff, afflicted with Parkinson's disease, is making his second visit to Lourdes, whose shrine to the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, has made it synonymous with pilgrimage and healing.

He was due to touch down at Tarbes airport near here shortly after 11 a.m., after taking off from Rome earlier at the start of two-day visit that will be a further critical test of his health.

Many rose at dawn to take up vantage points along the Pope's route through the teeming town, which is bathed in bright sunshine and bedecked in the yellow and white colors of the Vatican, and the bunting of blue and white associated with Mary.

From first light, knots of rosary-chanting pilgrims began making their way slowly to the focal point of the Pope's visit, the Grotto of Apparitions where Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old peasant girl, reported visions of the Virgin Mary in 1858.

The Pope will address pilgrims here later Saturday and drink from the holy spring which, according to Catholic tradition, was uncovered by Bernadette on the Virgin's instructions.

Close to the Grotto, a magnet for the infirm and the disabled for more than a century, a group of nuns from the order of St. Josephine near Rouen in France sat on the ground, softly singing hymns as they waited for the Pope. *AFP*

Thai slays pinned on students' gambling

BANGKOK—Half a million Thai students are betting regularly on football matches with spiraling debts triggering murders, extortion rackets and prostitution, researchers said Saturday.

The researchers said a study had found that illegal gambling was rife throughout school and university life here with large sums gambled on major European leagues such as in Germany and Britain.

Student mafias had sprung up to extort money from fellow students, Policy Research in Education director Amornvit Nakornthap said, adding the study had noted cases of killings during disputes between gamblers and bookmakers.

He said the study of 12,000 students in 12 Thai provinces had found there were almost as many women as men gambling. Some young women were turning to prostitution to pay gambling debts, he said.

"I realize that it's hard to suppress gambling as it has existed for a long time in Thai society but I am worried about students aged 11 to 17 who are immature and naive because they have been overprotected by their parents," he said.

Amornvit was not able to say how much money the students spent on gambling. However, many easily racked up major debts because it was all on credit, he said.

Most forms of gambling are outlawed in Thailand but Thais still bet huge sums on underground lotteries, at casinos across the border in Cambodia, on cockfighting matches and football games. *AFP*

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EDITORIALS

Will it work?

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's appointment of Vice President Noli de Castro as presidential adviser on overseas Filipino workers affairs may both be a boon and a bane to efficient government. It is a boon to the government's policy on overseas work since the appointment of a vice president—no less to coordinate that policy—provides a human face that millions of migrant workers abroad can relate to. It is a bane because it may confuse government as it creates another bureaucratic layer to overseas work regulation.

In looking for a role for her Vice President, President Arroyo appears to have taken a cue from her own experience as vice president to President Joseph Estrada. Back in 1998, she accepted the social welfare portfolio from Estrada, who belonged to another party and, as such, was not predisposed to giving his vice president a Cabinet position. But Ms Arroyo accepted the position—the most menial and least attractive of Cabinet positions since the portfolio had the smallest budget among the line departments—and turned it into her stepping-stone to the presidency. It was only natural for her to award the same position to De Castro, who was her running mate, but the appointment was greeted with public outcry since it meant displacing the current occupant, Dinky Soliman, who was perceived to be effective in the job.

Now, the President has given De Castro two positions—as chair of the National Poverty Commission and as presidential adviser on overseas Filipino workers affairs. The positions are superfluous. The President herself heads the commission and De Castro is her co-chair. And as presidential adviser on OFW affairs, the Vice President has no portfolio. Perhaps to make his appointment more substantial, the President has appointed him as chair of the boards of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, thus displacing Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas. In effect, Sto. Tomas' position has been weakened, even as the bureaucracy is expanded and becomes more regimented.

There is no denying that OFWs are an important priority in the government agenda. The Vice President, who has popular appeal to the masses, provides the human dimension to that priority. And even without a portfolio or a line department, the Vice President can make of the largely ceremonial position a political platform with which to stake his claim on the presidency six years from now. In fact, the President herself has long courted the OFW constituency, as shown by her aborted appointment of her husband, First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, as ambassador for overseas workers issues last year.

But all of these reasons that support her appointment of the Vice President are political. They hardly make the case for an efficient management of the OFW agenda. It is not clear, for example, how the Vice President would work with the line agencies on the matter. And Sto. Tomas may be stumped and crippled in her handling of labor affairs because she does not have access to the policy boards of overseas manpower agencies.

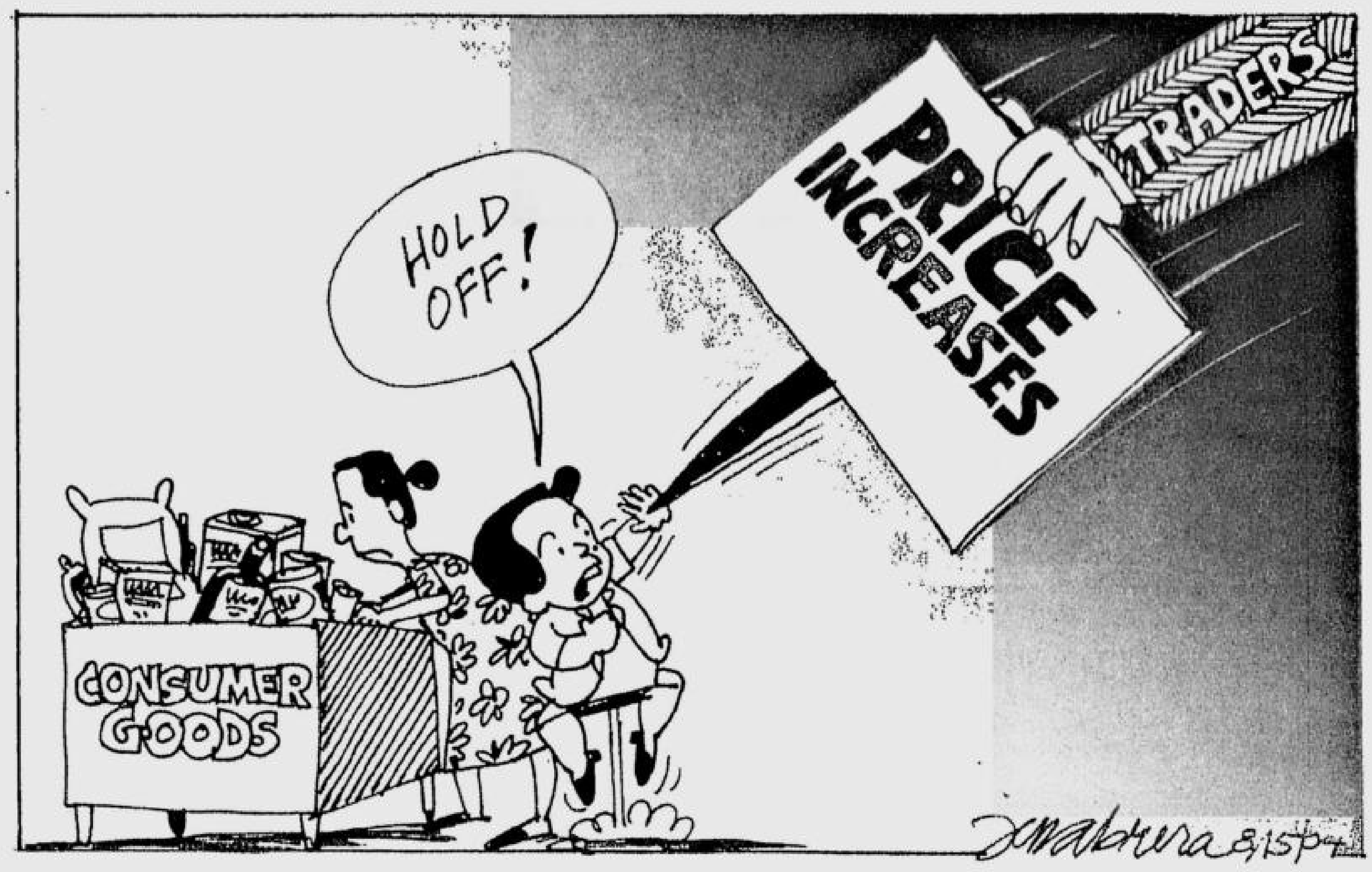
It could be argued, of course, that Sto. Tomas and the overseas labor agenda are reinforced because of the appointment of the Vice President as the "overseas labor czar," whatever that means. But this is at best wishful thinking. At the least, it goes against the President's policy of streamlining the bureaucracy. Two heads may be better than one—but they may also result in head-banging and confusion. Too many cooks may spoil the overseas labor broth.

Rest, please

PERHAPS the President should take the advice of Sen. Joker Arroyo to take a rest and stop fighting the bureaucratic and policy wars that should be the business of her Cabinet members, not hers. The rest will afford her some pause from agonizing over what role to give her Vice President. It will also allow her to rationalize her time and effort.

Senator Arroyo's advice was his reaction to the President's all too eager attempt to defend her tax priorities. Although her ready reply showed her openness to engage in a public debate to thresh out the issues, it also showed she had been doing too much of the work, shielding her finance managers from attacks and abetting their laziness and incapacity to articulate her programs.

The President is known for her incredible work ethic. But she should not overstretch herself. She should not tax herself defending her taxes.



The crushed bud

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

STILL on rape decisions I wrote while still on the Supreme Court, let me turn to a few more cases that deserve special interest.

Foremost among these were the incestuous cases that demonstrated the moral wickedness of the offender over his own kin, usually a young and defenseless daughter. In one complaint, not one but two daughters were assaulted by the father, with both becoming pregnant by him. The two children, aged 16 and 14, were both mentally retarded; their mother, to whom they reported their condition, was also abnormal. She merely said when she learned of her husband's monstrosity that "he did not have any manners."

In convicting the accused in People v. Ramos, 165 SCRA 400, the Court said:

"Rape is a nauseating crime that deserves the condemnation of all decent persons who recognize that a woman's cherished chastity is hers alone to surrender of her own free will. Whoever violates that will descends to the level of the odious beast. The act becomes doubly repulsive when the outrage is perpetrated on one's own flesh and blood for the culprit is reduced to lower than the lowly beast.

"The latter yields only to biological impulses and is unfettered by social inhibitions when it mates with its own kin. But the man who rapes his own daughter violates not only her purity and her trust but also the mores of his society which he has scornfully defied.

"By inflicting his animal greed on her in a disgusting coercion of incestuous lust, he forfeits all respect as a human being and is justly spurned by all, not least of all by the fruit of his own loins whose progeny he has forever stained with his shameful and shameless lechery."

In People v. Desuyo. 164 SCRA 210, the victim was only eight years old when she was ravished in a garbage dump by the accused, who later left her saying he would get medicine for her bleeding body. "So there she was, the bewildered broken girl, a bud so ruthlessly crushed before it could blossom. Only eight years old and her virginity gone forever. For her, the discovery of womanhood would be not a pleasurable experience but an ugly and hateful memory that could disgust her the rest of her life."

As in that case, the accused in People v. Baao, 142 SCRA 476, was also convicted. He had raped the victim no less than five times before she finally found the courage to complain to her parents, an invalid father and a mother who was their sole support. "One last observation," the Court said, "and we are done with this nauseating case:

"It is bad enough that a man imposes his lust upon a woman mature enough in years and emotion and perhaps already knowledgeable on the ways of the flesh, for carnal greed is to be deplored and denounced in every case. It is worse, however, if, as in this case, the victim is a girl barely in her teens, whose first experience with sex had to be brutalized with the ugliness of an illicit force and the menace of an evil threat imposed upon her by a man whose age alone, which was more than thrice hers, should have deterred him from unleashing on her the animal in him.

"Pity the helpless and innocent victim, the bewildered and violated child, the spotless holocaust forever besmeared. Her emerging into womanhood can never be for her a tender and cherished memory of fulfillment and discovery, as it has been and it will be for others before a similar threshold but in a more pleasurable ambience. Her own sordid initiation is an experience she is doomed to recall with distaste, recoiling at every remembered detail of how her chastity was ruptured and her honor debased."

As may be expected, though, not all convictions for rape have been affirmed by the Supreme Court. There has been a considerable number of cases where the accused was properly acquitted for lack of the needed evidence to sustain his guilt beyond the whisper of a doubt.

Thus, where the trial court convicted a 69-year-old man of raping a 15-year-old girl, our decision in People v. Pailano, 169 SCRA 649, began: "The prosecution will have to contend not only with the presumption of innocence but also of impotence."

After carefully considering the facts of the case, the Court declared:

"What we see here is an aging Lothario having his last lustful fling and a young girl with a rather weak mind and a ripe body offering him a flaccid return to his youth. We do not mean to romanticize this sordid affair. It is wrong and is not here excused, made light of or dismissed. It is disdained for what it is—an unseemly seduction where it is not clear who the tempter and the tempted are although neither can really claim to be blameless. But, in our view, it is definitely not rape."

So much then for the erotic subject of rape. Next time we'll talk of something more exciting, like politics or graft and corruption or show biz, okay?

Give in!

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

SOMEONE sent me this text message: "A man who gives in when he is wrong is an honest man; a man who gives in when he is not sure is a wise man; a man who gives in even when he is right is...a married man!"

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If we look at the life of Mary, hers was a constant giving in to the will of the Father, and because of this, she became the most blessed of all women. Because of her humility and obedience, she was exalted by the most high. Realizing this, she was filled with awe and was prompted to sing from her heart the Magnificat (Lk. 1, 35-96), praising the faithfulness and greatness of God. If we look back at our lives, I am sure all of us have a reason to sing our own Magnificat, a song of praise and gratitude to God. As you go through life, what song are you singing? A grateful song, or a regretful song?

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Mary believed that the Lord's word would come true. She must have had her doubts, but she chose to believe. There were many discouraging and disheartening moments in her life, but she kept her focus. Through it all, she did not lose sight of God. When we lose sense of God, we lose hope, we lose meaning, we lose perspective, and we lose even our mission and compassion. You and I are never out of God's sight, but is He within our sight?

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It usually happens that those who have nothing become more trusting. There are times when God strips us of the things—even of the people—we hold on to, so that we learn to hold on to Him. When trials come, God is teaching us to let go of our securities and amenities. Trials are a sure sign of God's presence and love, a God who wants to set us free from the false and fleeting securities that imprison and trap us. Like Mary, may we learn to see every trial as God's way of setting us free. When we are afflicted with all sorts of afflictions and temptations, let us not lose sight of Mary's assumption into heaven. Set free from worldly burdens and concerns, we too, like Mary, will be victorious, someday. In the meantime, we must be open to purification, do our mission, and not lose sight of our vision.

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Thank God for wipers! Imagine driving through the rain without wipers, especially on a dark night. Trials are like wipers that help us see better. Tears too make us see better. When was the last time you cried? When was the last time you cried with your God?

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According to a story I heard, a child once asked what is the difference between dinner and supper. The father answered: "When we go out for a meal, that's dinner; when we stay home and eat what your mom prepared, that's suffer." I don't know what you make out of this anecdote, but two things come to my mind: First, our way of looking at things can make or break us; and second, the power of humor to lift us up. As we go through life, let us constantly be on the "assumption" mode, ever helpful, ever joyful, ever ready to rise above the problems and difficulties that confront us.

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We need a lot of faith to survive, and to live meaningful lives. Someone once described faith as that which lifts you up when you are down, that which supports you when you are laden and heavy, that which assures you that, through it all, there's a reason, there's a plan. Feeling down? Feeling heavy? Feeling insecure? You need a faith-lift!

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The Magnificat was prayed when two pregnant women met. It was Mary's and her cousin Elizabeth's song of praise as well. We salute mothers who allowed their children to be born and who bring up their children with much love and warmth. Likewise, we salute all people who care and form the young.

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My sister Bing has dedicated all her life to teaching. Her commitment and heart for the children is very edifying. She gave me this poem by Dr. Maria Montessori entitled "You and the Child": When you are given great joy, go to the Child and let him share it; when you suffer a great sorrow, go to the Child and let him console you; when you are in pain, let the Child heal you; when you are about to start a great enterprise, ask the Child to lead you; when you feel full of courage, devote it to the Child so that he may guide it; when you find a great treasure, place it at the feet of the Child so that he may preserve it; when you are in doubt and have little faith, go to the Child that he may enlighten and strengthen you; when you are afraid, ask the Child for courage; wherever you are, whatever you do, whatever you think, let the Child be you."

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Think about it: "Isn't life that weighs us down. It is the way we carry it. It doesn't take a lot of strength to hang on. It takes a lot more to let go."

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, like Mary, teach me to give in to your divine will. Amen.

Flogging a dead horse

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

ONE of the most biting commentaries regarding the performance or non-performance of our Department of Foreign Affairs was the recent privilege speech delivered by Sen. Joker P. Arroyo on Australian-Philippine relations. Recall that it took the DFA some time to protest the insults hurled by Australian officials after the early return of the Philippine contingent from Iraq. In contrast, Spain reacted immediately to similar attacks. Arroyo criticized Australia for its use of undiplomatic language and castigated the foreign affairs office for having been "lulled into passive disgust, or worse, ignorance of history." In a television talk show, Arroyo blamed a "culture of ignorance" at the DFA for its slow reaction. Perhaps, it is a case of too much traveling and too little time for homework.

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When people talk of "flogging a dead horse," they mean an attempt to revive interest in a worn-out subject. It was Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye who used the phrase in commenting on the plans of certain lawmakers to reinvestigate allegations of collusion between the Abu Sayyaf and military elements during the rescue operations for the Dos Palmas hostages in June 2001.

The issue came up after Gracia Burnham testified in closed door hearings against several of her captors at Camp Bagong Diwa where the men were standing trial. News stories, specifically citing government prosecutors from the Department of Justice, reported that she had cleared the military of the collusion charges. A day later, however, other sources indicated that Burnham never issued any such clearance in the course of her testimony. Personally, I am inclined to believe that there was no such clearance issued by Burnham for the simple reason that the lady was here mainly to identify her abductors. She would also have contradicted herself since in her book "In the Presence of My Enemies," she alluded to a collusion between her kidnappers and the military.

We could easily resolve the matter by releasing transcripts of the hearing. Having said that, I also feel that the issue concerning the alleged collusion between the Abu Sayyaf and the military had already been thoroughly addressed in the past.

More than a year ago, two congressional bodies investigated the accusations, which were first raised by Fr. Cirilo Nacorda, parish priest of Lamitan, Basilan. The two bodies came out with different conclusions. The House Committee on National Defense, chaired by Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay, found no evidence of collusion between the two groups. This finding was affirmed at a plenary session of the House. On the other hand, the Senate Committees on Defense and on Human Rights recommended the court martial of three officers: Brig. Gen. Romeo Dominguez, Col. Juvenal Narcise and Maj. Eliseo Campued.

It is interesting to note that after the investigation done by both bodies, Dominguez was promoted to the rank of major general (two stars), and this promotion was subsequently confirmed by a bicameral body, the Commission on Appointments (CA). Later, he was again promoted to the rank of lieutenant general (three stars), and this promotion was also confirmed by the CA. Since the senators had recommended court martial proceedings for Dominguez, they could have easily blocked his confirmation during the CA hearings. As I asked a year ago: What's the point in recommending court martial proceedings if the senators were prepared to go along with his promotion?

Now comes Sen. Serge Osmeña, saying he was considering reopening the Senate inquiry on the hostage crisis and suggesting that Gracia Burnham be asked to return for another hearing. Although I realize we have a lot of characters in our Senate—a far cry from the Tañadas, Rectos and Salongas of yore—I find it hard to comprehend that there could be that much interest in the subject matter as to justify a new round of hearings. Besides, so many Senate investigations and hearings—mostly sound and fury while the cameras and reporters are around—come out with reports that only end up in some filing cabinet gathering dust. Some people say that the best argument for a shift to the parliamentary system is the resulting abolition of the Senate.

Perhaps one reason why we are considered the laggards in the region is that, instead of moving on and attending to other pressing matters, we keep flogging dead horses. In this land of legal beagles, nothing is ever decided with finality. Even when the Supreme Court has spoken, there are all kinds of delaying tactics employed to subvert the Court's decision.

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A word about Lieutenant General Dominguez. In a manner of speaking, Dominguez has also been a victim of the Lamitan fiasco. His reputation has been held hostage to circumstances beyond his control. For the record, let me say that Dominguez is a God-fearing, decent individual who would not bargain with the lives of fellow human beings for a few pieces of silver. I am satisfied that he performed his duties as a soldier in an exemplary and commendable manner. Otherwise, he would never have made it to the rank of lieutenant general, with the confirmation of the Commission on Appointments; and perhaps, if fate had been a bit kinder, he would even have ended up as the commanding general of the Philippine Army.

Two mothers and their stories

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

AMONG THE GUESTS invited to an episode of "*Diretsahan*" (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 p.m. on ABC-Channel 5), for airing next week, were a widow, who came with 10 of her 21 children, and a couple with 10 children, the youngest being just two weeks old.

"*Aling*" Amelia, who could barely remember her children's names, much less their ages and birthdays—this was pretty evident when she was asked about them by host Amy Perez—was pretty blasé about her fecundity. "I've little problems with pregnancy and childbirth," she replied with a smile when asked if she wasn't even once scared for herself in the course of bearing 21 children.

"*Aling*" Levy and her husband, a house painter, confessed helplessness over their situation. "I really don't know what happened," the husband said early in the show. "God just gave these children to us." Hearing this, those of us in the studio audience tittered off-cam. "Right, God just forced them to have sex," someone said.

When I had a chance to talk personally with *Aling* Levy, I asked her if she and her husband had really planned on having 10 children. "Not really," she replied with a smile. "But my husband has an aunt who told us not to use family planning because it was dangerous. So we became scared."

But didn't they even try to use natural family planning? "We tried the natural method (actually, the calendar rhythm method)," she said, "but I still got pregnant." As the number of her children increased, didn't *Aling* Levy even try to visit a health center and seek advice from a doctor, nurse or midwife? "As I told you I was scared," she shrugged. When I asked if she wasn't even considering a ligation, now that she had 10 children, *Aling* Levy replied that she was afraid of the procedure because she did a lot of heavy lifting. She looked at me with skepticism when I explained that the procedure would not affect her physical ability in the least.

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FROM NOW on, whenever I hear people talking about "lack of access" to reproductive health services, or "lack of information and education" on family planning, *Aling* Levy and her husband—and their 10 children, the eldest of whom is just 16—will come to mind.

I worried even more about her when she told me she was already 35, in the stage of a woman's life when pregnancies are considered high-risk. "Isn't it too late, now that I have 10 children?" she asked me when I brought up the need for family planning once more. "I think you need it especially now, because you could get pregnant again and the next one could give you problems," I said.

***Aling* Levy has all the earmarks of a woman at risk. There are four conditions in which pregnancy could pose a danger to a woman's life: her age, if she's too young (below 18) or too old (above 35); the number of pregnancies and childbirths (more than three); the interval between her last pregnancy (less then three years); and her health status (she might have an illness, like TB or anemia, that increases her health risk).**

Surely, no one will begrudge *Aling* Levy and her husband if they exercise their right to seek all the information they need to choose a method that will ensure her survival and good health for all their children? Surely, no one will say family planning or even sterilization (come to think of it, a vasectomy might not be such a bad thing for her husband) would be a sin—considering the alternative?

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ALING Amelia, the widow and budding TV personality whose main claim to fame is her humongous family, is indeed blessed. I, too, believe children are blessings and gifts from God. But at the same time they are also our responsibility whom we are charged with feeding, clothing, housing, educating and loving.

She is also blessed in that none of her pregnancies, as she claims, ever presented a problem for her. As an aunt of mine, who had nine children herself, once exclaimed: "I'd rather be giving birth than be constipated!" Lucky indeed are such women.

Sadly, not all women share *Aling* Amelia's prodigious childbearing capacity. Nor do many share her desire to break reproductive records. Some women, for many reasons—among them, the state of their health—should not be getting pregnant more times than is safe or desirable for them. The 10 Filipino women who will die today and each day from causes related to pregnancy and childbirth can testify to that.

One reason she has so many children, *Aling* Amelia confided, was that they used to live beside the railroad tracks and each time a train passed by, the rattling it caused would awake her late husband, and he would insist on their making love. Clearly, for *Aling* Amelia, sex was synonymous with pregnancy. Would life have been much different if she could have accommodated her husband's desires (and hers, too!) without necessarily getting pregnant?

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TOO often, discussions on family planning and reproductive health end up embroiled in cold statistics and figures, in ideological positions and orthodoxies, even in politics.

But the fact is that a highly personal and intimate matter, such as sex and childbearing, has a public dimension. What takes place in the privacy of the bedroom or a corner of the family mat, has an impact on the national situation and on such public services as education, health, employment, even traffic management!

So it always helps, in the middle of the fervid and heated debate, to be brought up short by real people, who bring to the discussion of a seemingly abstract issue a much-needed reality check. What do women like *Aling* Levy and *Aling* Amelia think about when asked about family planning? What relevance do they think it has on their lives?

And in all this hoo-hah over religion, morality, rights and desires, do we ever consider how their lives could be changed—maybe, even saved?

'Wika'

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

ON THE OCCASION of the Language Month, which is August, I received three invitations to speak on the politics of language. Because of other commitments I was unable to accept any of them. However, what I would have said at these symposia I have tried to synthesize in today's column which is written in Filipino. My thesis is that a nation's own language or languages grow in proportion to its consciousness of nationhood. They fade when the people's aspirations shift to modernity and participation in the larger world. Their decline is also an index of the marginalization of the masses in the nation's life.

Ang pag-unlad ng wika at ang pag-usbong ng kamalayan ay magkakabit. Pareho ang kanilang ugat—ang pangangailangang makipag-usap. Maliit na bahagi lang ng mga nangyayari sa atin sa araw-araw ang pumapasok sa ating kamalayan, ani Nietzsche, ang pilosopong pinagkunan ko ng mga kaisipang ito. Kung gaano katindi ang pangangailangang makipag-usap, ganoon din kalakas ang udyok na pagnilayan ang ating iniisip, dinarama, at ikinikilos. Ito ang bukal ng kamalayan. At kung gaano kapuno ang ating kamalayan, ganoon din kabigat ang hinihingi sa wikang ating ginagamit.

Habang lumalawak at lumalalim ang kamalayan, yumayaman din ang wikang ginagamit. Kung mababaw ang kamulatan, sapagkat hindi naging malakas at madalas ang udyok na makipag-usap, mananatili ring payak ang ginagamit na wika.

Tila ganito nga ang kapalarang sinapit ng ating mga katutubong wika. Naudlot ang pagsulong ng mga ito sapagkat sa kasalukuyang panahon hindi na ito ang ginagamit na daluyan ng pambansang huntahan. Noong panahon ng mga Kastila, ginamit ng mga prayle ang mga wikang ito bilang tagapaghatid ng mensahe ng kabanalan at pagka-masunurin. Kahit paano'y naisulat ito. Sumigla at lumakas ang ating mga katutubong wika nang magkamalay ang mga Pilipino at sinimulang gamitin ang mga ito bilang instrumento ng pagtutol at paghihimagsik, pagkakaisa at paglaya.

Natigil ang pag-unlad ng mga katutubong wika nang sakupin tayo ng mga Amerikano. Isinantabi nila ang ating mga wika at pinalaganap ang wikang Ingles sa mga paaralan. Naiwan ang ating mga katutubong wika sa bibig ng ating mga ninuno, ngunit ang henerasyon ng mga nangagsipag-aral na kabataan ay unti-unting nahiwalay sa pamayanan. Natutong mangusap at magsulat ang ating mga intelektwal sa isang wikang hindi nauunawaan ng mas malawak na pamayanan.

Ingles ang naging wika ng edukasyon, kapangyarihan, at modernong pamumuhay. Katutubong wika naman ang naging wika ng kamangmangan at ng makalumang pamumuhay. Nag-iiba lamang ang ganitong kalakaran kapag dumarating ang panahon ng pagtutol. Mula sa Katipunan hanggang sa Hukbalahap, mula sa Kabataang Makabayan hanggang sa NPA, sa lahat ng lansangan ng protesta, sumisigla ang mga katutubong wika bunga ng mayamang ugnayan ng mga katutubong intelektwal at masa.

Sapagkat mga kabataan ang nanguna sa muling pagsibol na ito ng wikang katutubo, pinakamalalim ang epekto nito sa kultura, laluna sa mga awitin at programa sa radio at telebisyon. Hanggang ngayon, patuloy nating inaani ang mga bunga ng pagyabong ng wika noong mga dekada ng protesta. Subalit sa ibang larangan, mapapansin na wari'y lubog na naman ang katutubong wika. Ang Ingles, ang wikang tinutulan ng henerasyon ng dekada setenta, ay ganap nang nakabawi, at ngayo'y lubos na namamayagpag sa halos lahat ng larangan ng kabuhayan at pamahalaan.

Kapag ang wikang katutubo ay nagagamit lamang kaugnay ng maliliit at walang halagang bagay, at ang wikang dayuhan ang nakakasanayang gamitin sa mas mataas na uri ng talastasan—ang wikang katutubo'y nabubusabos habang ang dayuhang wika'y namumukod. Sa kalaunan, ang karamihan ay mag-iisip na sadyang nasa katutubong wika ang kakulangan. Kung walang nagpupunyaging isalin sa katutubong wika ang mahahalagang literatura at produktong intelektwal ng mga dayuhang kultura, iisipin ng marami na may likas na kakapusan ang ating sariling wika, at walang ibang lunas kundi pagsikaping pag-aralan ang wikang dayuhan.

Walang wikang umuunlad kung hindi ito naisusulat at nababasa. Walang wikang umuunlad kung ito'y hindi sinasanay na maglulan ng mga produkto ng kamalayan at iba't-ibang kaisipang hango sa maraming kultura. Kailangang makipag-usap ang ating katutubong wika sa mga wika ng ibang bansa, sa halip na isantabi ito, sa maling pag-aakalang hindi na ito angkop sa bagong panahon.

Ito'y bahagi pa rin ng paglaya, anang Palestinong manunulat na si Edward Said, bahagi pa rin ng pagnananais na muling maangkin ang nahiwalay na kaluluwa. Ang paghahabol sa katotohanan, ani Said, ang paghahanap ng kasaysayang mas angkop kaysa inaalay ng mananakop, ng bagong talaan ng mga bayani, mga alamat at relihiyon—itong lahat ang binibigyang-daan ng isang pambansang pananaw na muling umaangkin sa tinubuang lupa. Kaakibat ng mga ganitong makabansang pagpapahiwatig ang mahiwaga at kisapmatang pagsulong ng katutubong wika.

Huli na marahil para mangarap tayo ng isang pambansang pamunuang magtatampok sa katutubong wika bilang sagisag ng pagsasarili. Subalit hindi pa huli upang gumising tayo't magkusa—sa bawat maliit na larangang ating kinikilusan—na ipalutang sa himpapawid ang himig ng ating pambansang wika, nang walang pag-aatubili, pag-aalinlangan o pangingimi.

Hindi marahil sa isang language policy matatagpuan ang kinabukasan ng ating mga katutubong wika, kundi sa ating araw-araw na pagsasanay tungo sa isang demokratiko at nagsasariling bansa.

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Terrorist threats already part of life

COMMENTARY

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THE THREAT of attacks by the al-Qaida terrorist network continues to haunt the United States. Three years after 9/11, fears of a possible repeat of that horrible day still linger.

Last week, the US Department of Homeland Security raised alert level "orange," the second highest in its security warnings, over Washington D.C., New York City and Newark, New Jersey. Apparently, documents seized from a Pakistan-based al-Qaida operative show that key buildings in these places are being targeted for attacks.

To thwart the alleged plot, the US authorities put a tight security cordon around possible bombing targets. More surveillance devices were installed. Additional uniformed security personnel were fielded. Entry into the threatened areas has been restricted.

As part of the security precautions, employees and visitors of the supposedly targeted buildings are required to show identification cards, open their bags for inspection and have their bodies frisked. The people affected by the stringent security measures have no choice but to do as required, or else they will be refused entry or, worse, be made the subject of suspicion. In the latter case, they can be held for questioning.

The law enacted by the US Congress shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Patriots Act, granted US law enforcement authorities the power to take the steps needed to counteract terrorist threats. Some of the provisions of this law though are being questioned in US courts for being contrary to the Bill of Rights guaranteed by the US Constitution.

LRT bombing

Before 9/11, body frisking, inspection of belongings and giving information about personal life to security personnel would have raised a howl from Americans who are used to going about their lives with the minimum of restrictions. Except in relation to airport procedures, most Americans feel violated if their bags are looked into and their bodies searched, manually or electronically, by third parties.

This reminds me of an incident that happened in our country shortly after the Dec. 31, 2000 bombing of an LRT station that resulted in death and injuries to scores of Filipinos. In reaction to the bloody incident, the shopping malls in Metro Manila required their customers to open their bags for inspection and be frisked before they were allowed entry into the premises.

Once, while falling in line to enter a mall, I noticed that Filipino shoppers had no problem complying with the security requirements. Without any prodding, they unlocked their bags and raised their arms to allow a quick inspection of their bodies.

But not a Fil-American couple who refused to go through the routine. The man, in a loud voice, asked in affected, but thickly-accented English the security guard if he looked like somebody who would carry a bomb or deadly weapon. The guard replied that they have to follow the security rules, otherwise they would be barred from entering the mall.

The exchange of words delayed the entry of other people. Those behind the couple told them to go out if they do not want to follow the security procedures. I remember clearly one of the Fil-Am's statements: "This kind of inspection will never happen in the United States. We Americans will not stand for it."

With the guard standing pat on following his orders, the couple had no choice but go through the inspection routine, although grudgingly.

Tight security

After 9/11, that Fil-American must have eaten his words. The security procedures in commercial landmarks and public buildings in the United States are stricter and more intrusive than the inspection he protested against.

While other countries showed apprehension over last week's "orange" alert in the United States, the Philippines' reaction was muted; as if saying it was no big deal. Other than taking a second look at existing security procedures in key airports and important buildings, the Philippines had none of the near hysterical reaction of the United States to the alleged terrorist threats from al-Qaida.

The nonchalant attitude is not surprising. Terrorist threats and attacks are no longer new to us. We have been living (and surviving) for years under those conditions. We have accepted security alerts and on-and-off restrictions to our movements as part of daily life, like traffic jams, grandstanding politicians and power failures.

"What me worry?"—as the famous cartoon character Linus of MAD magazine fame would say—would perhaps sum up the ordinary Filipino's reaction to problems and worries about terrorism.

When a bomb explodes in a certain place, people stay away from the affected area for a time. After the shock wears off, the incident is forgotten and life goes back as if nothing happened earlier. This kind of behavior may be traced to the Filipino's fatalistic (or *bahala na*) attitude toward life: if it's my time, it's my time and only God can prevent it from happening.

Acceptance

There's no denying that terrorism is the scourge of the 21st century. Terrorists do not respect borders, creeds or human lives. They will strike at their targets regardless of the consequences of their act to themselves and to whoever gets caught in the crossfire.

Terrorists enjoy the advantage of facelessness and freedom of movement. Their leaders operate under a heavy cloak of anonymity. Interviews by the media are given only if it will serve their objective. They send their messages to the public through video recordings or press releases.

Like all ideologically based movements, terrorist organizations cannot be put down with the use of force or violence. For every terrorist killed, a son, brother, sister or friend is ready to pick up where he left of. Modern weapons are useless against men and women who believe their cause is worth dying for.

No solution appears to be in sight for the terrorist problem in our country and elsewhere in the world. The most that governments can do is to prevent terrorists from entering their countries and setting up their networks; and if they manage to sneak in, to hope that they do something wrong that will alert the authorities to their presence.

While we have to accept the reality of terrorism in our midst, it is no excuse for us to be paranoid about it or be paralyzed with fear. Life has to go on with some allowance for vigilance. Anything short of that would represent a victory for terrorism.

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Is the Vatican against feminism?

TO BE AN IMPETUS for "dialogue with all men and women of good will" is one of the aims of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith when it issued the "Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Collaboration of Men and Women in the Church and in the World."

The other is to serve as "a starting point for further examination in the Church."

Instead of dialogue, the letter, released by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, has stirred denunciations in the streets and in Congress from militant women in the country. Ratzinger is the head of the Congregation, the Vatican department in charge of safeguarding and interpreting doctrine.

The letter said many women felt that they had to be adversaries of men in order to be themselves. "Faced with the abuse of power, the answer for women is to seek power. This process leads to opposition between men and women ... which has its most immediate and lethal effects on the structure of the family."

It also criticized the attempt of feminism to erase gender differences. "The obscuring of the difference ... inspired ideologies, which for example, call into question the family, in its natural two-parent structure of mother and father, and make homosexuality and heterosexuality virtually equivalent, in a new model of polymorphous sexuality."

With broadsides from feminists, Archbishop Oscar V. Cruz suggested that the letter be read in its entirety to avoid misconceptions, to which women's groups retorted that they had read the document thoroughly.

The bishops and women's groups may well try holding a dialogue to discuss the letter and to clear any misconception.

The Church reinforces women's subordination

By Amaryllis T. Torres

The Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Collaboration of Men and Women in the Church and in the World presents the views of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger and Angelo Amato, Titular Bishop of Sila, on "certain currents of thought which are often at variance with the authentic advancement of women."

The first part, "The Question," interprets two "tendencies" that aim to address "women's issues," and criticizes global efforts to achieve women's empowerment (the first tendency) and advocacy for gender equality (the second tendency).

The second part speaks of "the revealed truth concerning the human person" as interpreted from Genesis, Chapters 1 to 3. The next two sections then expostulate on "the importance of feminine values" in the life of the society and of the Church, respectively.

The authors preface the letter with an invitation to use their reflections as starting points for "further examination in the Church, as well as an impetus for dialogue" in order to arrive at a "common commitment to the development of even more authentic relationships."

This article is aimed at contributing to this dialogue.

Begging the question

In the view of Cardinal Ratzinger and Bishop Amato, the "first tendency" to free women from subordination leads to a "harmful confusion regarding the human person" and has "immediate and lethal effects on the structure of the family." Why is this so?

God originally created men and women equal as persons, "since both were made in the image and likeness of the personal God." Genesis (2:4-25) tells us that "The Lord God built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man" to be the suitable partner for the man, so that "Adam's life does not sink into a sterile end," and he could have a "relationship with another being on his own level."

Genesis (2:18-25) is also interpreted as saying that "in the unity of the two," man and woman are called to exist side by side, "one for the other." Thus, heterosexual marriage is deemed to be the "fundamental dimension of this call." However, original sin is interpreted to have changed the nature of the relationship between humanity and the Creator, and between man and woman, so that God declared to the woman upon being banished from Eden: 'your urge shall be for your husband, and he shall be your master.' (Genesis 3:16).

These "fundamental texts" supposedly uphold the equality of men and women, and their equal dignity is realized as physical, psychological and ontological complementarity. We are admonished that "problems related to sexual difference, whether on the public or private level, should be addressed by a relational approach and not by competition or retaliation."

Struggle to reclaim equality

The Global Movement for the Advancement of Women can be seen as a struggle to reclaim the divine right of women to enjoy equal status with men. This is the principle that threads across the many variants of feminism: that women have been oppressed and subordinated in society, at work and within the family.

Catholicism itself, along with other religions that developed in patriarchal (or male-dominated) societies, has propagated beliefs on the subordination of women to men. In 1985, Asian religious women in an ecumenical consultation in Manila declared: "As Church people, we have come to realize that the highly patriarchal churches have definitely contributed to the subjugation and marginalization of women ... We unearthed theological premises, traditions and beliefs that have prevented us from becoming fully human and have blurred the image of God that we are." Feminists include women and men (including those from religious congregations) who wish to take action in order to end this situation.

Gender, class and ethnicity

In the Philippines, women's subordination is understood to take place in three spheres of human relationships: gender, class, and ethnicity (or race).

The second tendency mentioned by Ratzinger and Amato, "Gender Equality" theory and practice, seeks to redress inequalities between women and men in these different realms of relationships. Since Catholicism and other cultural values have given men the dominant voice in our society, it is important to empower women first: to take action for their rights, to speak out, and to overcome their traditional passivity. Only then can they hope to change the unequal nature of gender, class and ethnic relationships.

Biology is (not) destiny

While Ratzinger and Amato acknowledge the equality before God of man and woman, they interpret the Bible to uphold the "difference or duality of the sexes" beyond the physical and physiological dimensions. They discuss at length the nature of feminine character and proclaim motherhood a "key element of women's identity." They deem as irreplaceable women's caring role in all aspects of human relationships.

Thus, while the Letter acknowledges that women should "be present in the world of work and in the organization of society," it speaks of the need to "harmonize" the role of women in public life with the demands of the family. This ***multiple burden*** of woman is precisely the source of much of her oppression and many actions are being taken to change this expectation and experience.

Feminists argue that child-rearing and other domestic responsibilities are activities that can be equally shared by men and women, and that there is nothing inherent in being a woman that makes it her sole responsibility, or in man's sexual make-up that prevent him from taking up these roles.

Much is made of the importance of feminine values in the Letter, but almost nothing is said about the key aspects of masculine values that affect society and the Church. The avowed "dominance" of man has relegated woman to second-class positions in many societies. It has silenced her and made her immobile. It has been used to justify male-initiated violence against women and children. The male character of the Christ has been used to deny women ordination into priesthood.

Jesus was a feminist

Christianity was born in a patriarchal Jewish society that gave few privileges to women. At that time, Jewish wisdom literature taught that "he that talks much with womankind brings evil upon himself and neglects the study of the Law and at the last will inherit Gehenna [hell]." Jesus taught men and women alike, and sought to raise women's status through His ministry and deeds. In her article "The Debate over Feminist Theology: Which View is Biblical?" Ron Rhodes, an evangelical feminist, writes:

> *Paul's statement in Galatians 3:28—"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus"—has been called "the Magna Carta of humanity." Because of the Christian's standing in Christ, it is argued, the subordination of women that was (allegedly) caused by the Fall (Gen. 3) has been replaced with total equality of the sexes in Christ. Any apparent biblical teaching of the need for female submission today is based on misinterpretations by male scholars.*

The goals of feminism to empower subordinated women and to attain gender equality are, therefore, consistent with Christian aspirations to achieve the fundamental essence of human relationships described in Genesis. Harmony and dignity in human relations cannot be truly achieved without these.

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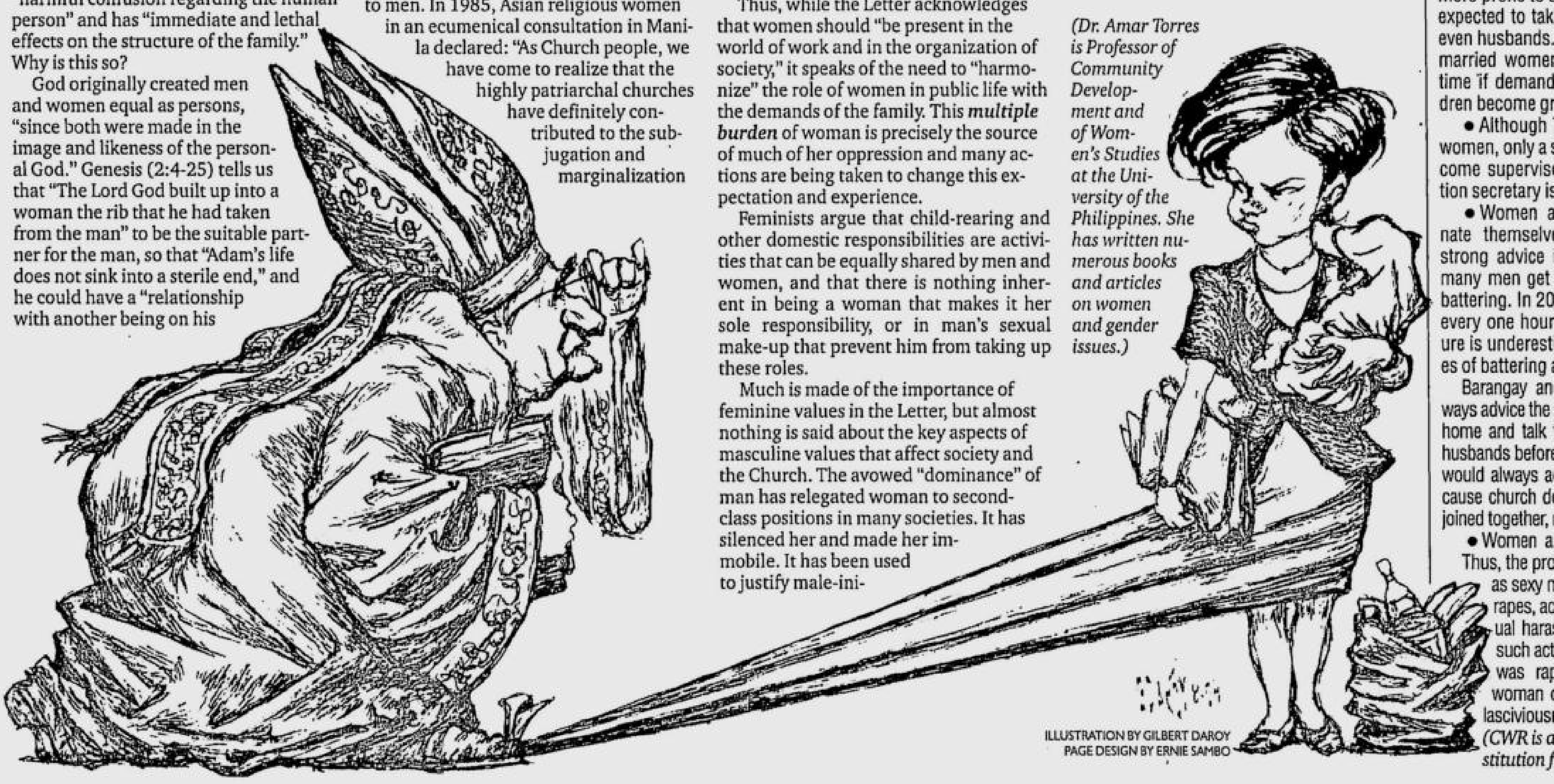

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Gender Inequality in RP

By the Center for Women Resources

- Over the past two years, 65 to 70 percent of Filipinos leaving the country are women. For every 100 women leaving for work abroad, 36 end up as entertainers (singers or dancers) and 34 as domestic helpers. These low-paid jobs expose women to violence.
- Many women are not included in the labor force. As of April 2003, only 4 out of every 10 in the labor force were women.
- Most employed women are found in work that are extensions of their work at home. These are wholesale and retail trade (30 percent) and community, social and personal service (15 percent). In fact, the biggest employer of wage and salaried women are private households. They employ women as house help.
- Generally, women are found in jobs in which pay is irregular and/or low. Majority of women employed in April 2003 were either own account workers, sellers of various products, including food (20 percent), unpaid family labor in agriculture and fishing (12.8 percent) or wage and salary household workers (9 percent). Of the 5.6 million wage and salaried women, 22 percent work in private households.
- Women are discriminated against in the workplace. In hiring, young and single women are preferred over their older and married counterparts because companies would rather not pay additional benefits like maternity leaves.

  Managers say married women are more prone to absences because they are expected to take care of their children or even husbands. Managers likewise expect married women to leave their jobs anytime if demands of housework and children become great.
- Although 70 percent of teachers are women, only a small percentage get to become supervisors. Moreover, the education secretary is usually a man.
- Women are supposed to subordinate themselves to their husbands, a strong advice in marriage rituals. Thus, many men get away with wife or partner battering. In 2003, a woman was battered every one hour and 24 minutes. This figure is underestimated because many cases of battering are unreported.

  Barangay and police officials would always advice the aggrieved women to go back home and talk the problem over with their husbands before filing a case. Church people would always advice against separation because church doctrine says, "what God has joined together, no man can put asunder."
- Women are regarded as sex objects. Thus, the proliferation of ads with women as sexy models and the persistence of rapes, acts of lasciviousness and sexual harassment despite laws against such acts. In 2003, a woman or child was raped every 100 minutes. A woman or child fell victim to acts of lasciviousness every four hours.

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Any relationship outside the divine plan is an aberration

By Jo M. Imbong

We can never fully understand man and woman and their relationship to each other outside the divine design. Any consideration outside of that will be an aberration, a departure from the original plan.

For it is a part of the divine plan for the human race that there be a harmonious integration of what is masculine and what is feminine. "Man and woman, he created them," the Scriptures say. By this natural differentiation, the unique nature of a being is what determines its operation, which in turn determines its means of perfection.

Woman's physiological and psychological nature orders her to nurturance. Herself being created out of love, she becomes a giver of love. Thus, woman's dignity is closely connected with the love which she receives by the very reason of her femininity, and the love which she gives in return. This is divine love coming full circle, igniting that "sincere gift of self," her natural response to Him who loved first. This is the "feminine genius," the same feminine soul that Adam saw as he awakened from his deep sleep.

Vessel of love

If she refuses (for she has free will) to be a vessel of love, there will be disorder in the run of things. Her feminine gifts wasted, life becomes difficult, or if there is life, it becomes a caricature of itself.

And so it is that woman was made differently as a complement to the man, as the man was made differently as a complement to the woman. Herein lies their unity in the divine plan. Sadly, this differentiation has been misunderstood.

The view is held that if such differences occur, these are "culturally created roles made by men and imposed on women." Thus was born the idea that the division of labor between man and woman in the family was the first "class struggle;" that family is "the first oppressive society."

The rhetoric continues—that "if the family is the cause of all evil, then the family is what has to be eliminated; and since the differences between men and women are the cause of evil in the family, then society has to make men and women the same. Of course, they recognize that there are certain biological differences, but their choice is to as far as possible make these differences irrelevant—[these being] merely socially created gender roles." (Dale O'Leary, The Gender Agenda,1999).

True empowerment

Mother Teresa of Calcutta did say in Cairo, "Whether woman or man, all God's gifts are good, but they are not all the same." Which is saying that while some things are within the realm of choice, there are also things that are not a matter of choice. Such as one's real nature. One's DNA, after all, cannot lie. Man and woman are equal yes, but certainly different.

That she was made differently was deliberate, for what followed after God breathed life into her form, was her embodiment with a suffusion of the attributes of her womanly nature—gifts of empathy, sensitivity, inner strength, nurturance, a natural predilection for life. Not that the man is incapable of these. It was given to the woman at creation in plenitude. That is true empowerment!

"It is therefore necessary," the "Encyclical Mulieris Dignitatem" makes it clear, "that the man be fully aware that in his shared parenthood, he owes a special debt to the woman. No program of 'equal rights' between women and men is valid unless it takes this fact fully into account."

This is the reason why, in the spiritual realm of parenthood to which a woman is called, the Church sees her specific precedence over the man. For as it were, upon a child's entry into the world, the sweetest face he will ever behold is that of his mother. And as he grows in her care, his young mind gets an inkling of a larger and looming Someone who loves without measure. Later in his life, it will be easy for that child to find God.

She believes or knows that she has more power than kings or men of power because by her hand, her child (her wards, her workers, her religious community) can become a saint or scoundrel, leader or idler, glowing success or failure. She also knows that without her "sincere gift of self," there wouldn't be any inhabitants in this world or in heaven. "And so it dawns on her that her glory is not limited to this world."

No mean task for sure, but that is where her dignity lies. That is why any woman, whether a nurturer of life, a single surrogate mother to her nephews and nieces, or a faithful steward of a business (her "baby"), simply by her presence of love in any activity where human life is valued, deserves a hallowed place in the Kingdom where the Father who started it all—the Embodiment of Love—prepares the grandest welcome!

(Jo Imbong is a convenor of Lawyers for Life.)

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(PDI – August 15 & 16, 2004)

Ayala-led concessionaire uncorks P19-B expansion, and 'malasakit' touch for East Zone customers

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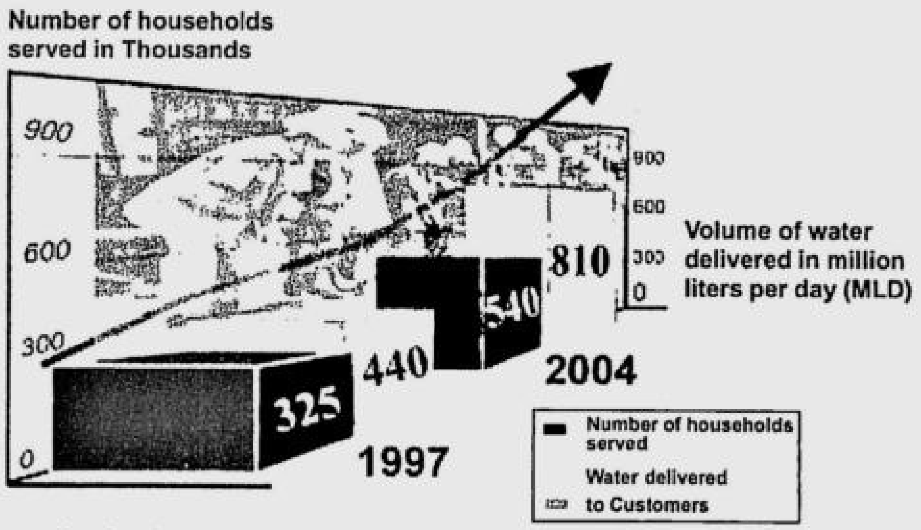
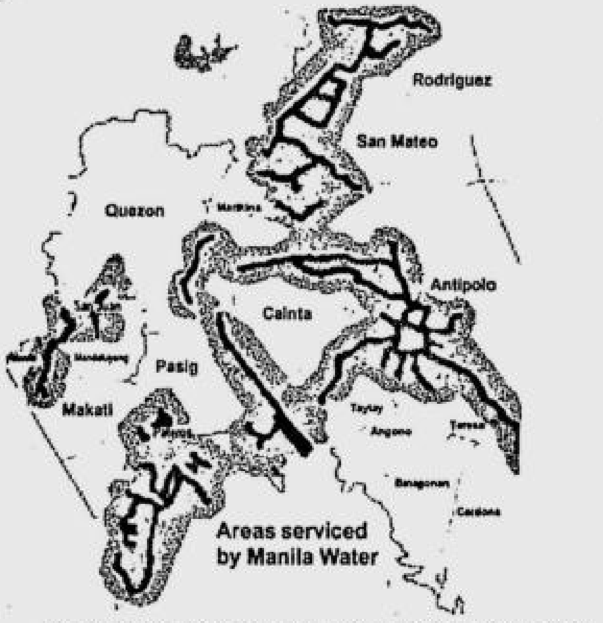


Community project inauguration in Addition Hills, with Mandaulong City Mayor Neptali "Boyet" Gonzales, Jr. and Congressman Benhur Abalos.



Manila Water is modernizing the pipeline network to deliver more water

For decades, Aling Fely and her friends in Block 37, Barangay Welfareville in Mandaluyong City would get up just after midnight to haul empty containers a few city blocks away in search of water. That was the only time they could load up on the expensive liquid, and lug these containers back to their families. Back-breaking, curse-the-whole-universe type of work, but one that needed to be done, every day.

Mr. Helmut Gaisberger, a tall, dapper-looking Austrian with a love for opera, had lived in many countries as a globe-trotting hotelier. Now general manager of the Mandarin Hotel in Makati, one of his main beefs about running a business in Manila was the unreliability of the city water supply. Which was why his establishment relied heavily for many years on an unobtrusive deepwell sunk over 250 meters below the ground that was carving out a yawning cave underneath Makati's alarmingly fragile water table.

Greenwoods Village in Barangay Pinagbuhatan in Pasig City is a sprawling, multi-phased village, something like B.F. Homes in Parañaque and home to a few thousand mid- to upper-class suburban households. Like Barangay B.F., water supply used to be a sore point for many residents. For a long time they depended on several antiquated wells that were steadily eroding their pipes and plumbing fixtures with "heavily mineralized" salt water. Clearly, the aquifers underneath the village were all shot, and water delivery tankers enjoyed brisk business there.

Life in the big city? Not anymore, at least, not for the satisfied customers above who now enjoy 24-hour water service. They now form part of the 84 percent of the East Zone population connected to Manila Water Company's central distribution system. That's from an abysmally low 27 percent in 1997 when the Ayala-led water and wastewater services concessionaire first took over from the government-run Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) to operate half of Metro Manila's century-old water distribution (2,000 kms.) and sewer (194 kms.) networks.

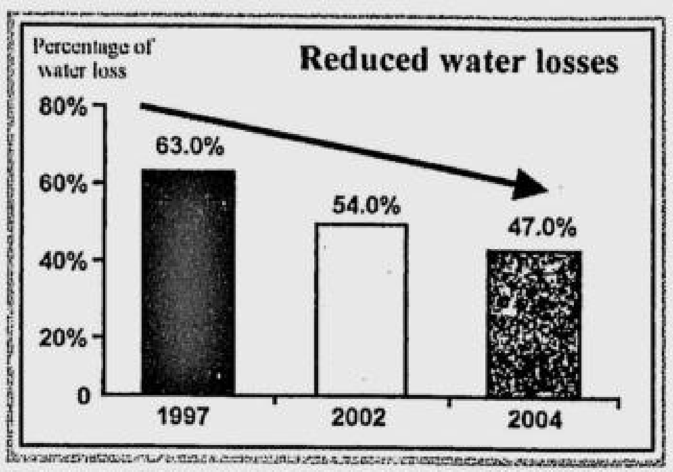
The Manila Water concession is a joint venture among Ayala Corporation, United Utilities (a leading water and power company in the United Kingdom), Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan, International Finance Corporation (the private sector arm of the World Bank), and Bank of the Philippine Islands Capital. Together, they have experienced remarkable success in improving services to some five million people (or 540,201 households) in the cities of Marikina, Pasig, Mandaluyong and Makati, most of Quezon City, a small portion of Manila (San Andres and Sta. Ana), the municipalities of San Juan, Taguig and Pateros as well as the cities and municipalities of Rizal Province (e.g., Cainta, Taytay, Antipolo, San Mateo and Montalban).

Now on its seventh anniversary since taking over the reins from the MWSS, Manila Water is on track to meeting its two key targets: expanding 24-hour central distribution network water coverage to 94 percent of the population before 2008, and sewerage and sanitation coverage from three percent to 55 percent of residents over the 25-year concession period.

Meeting the challenge

Manila Water's positive performance is based on a customer-focused business strategy:

- A "territory management" approach strengthens the company and the communities it serves. Territory management divides the concession area into 95 demand monitoring zones (DMZs), which are further divided into 263 district metering areas (DMAs) based on hydraulic analysis. Each territory has a dedicated specialist team empowered to handle water supply and demand, non-revenue water monitoring, control and customer concerns in their respective DMZs and DMAs. They are also responsible for developing close community and business partnerships within their territory with people like Aling Fely, Mr. Gaisberger and the homeowners association officers of Greenwoods Village. Twenty-four hours, seven days a week. The rest of Manila Water, including its president, do nothing but give their all-out support to these territory teams.
- The "malasakit" philosophy of customer service. All 1,500-plus employees of Manila Water actively take ownership of a customer service complaint as soon as it reaches them (e.g., by phone, a neighbor's or FX seatmate's lament, or via its 24-hour, 1627 hotline), and follow the complaint relentlessly to its successful closure. In short, "Problema 'to, akin 'to."



A record 150 million liters of water has been saved since 1997.

Manila Water's primary focus will continue to be the reduction of the amount of non-revenue water or water that leaves the system without payment because of leakage, illegal connections and inaccurate metering. A successful three-pronged approach is being undertaken involving meter replacement for commercial and high-volume customers, comprehensive pipeline replacement, and increased emphasis on the Tubig Para sa Barangay (Water for the Community) Program which dramatically brings down the incidence of illegal connections.

The company plans to spend an average of P2-3 billion per year, or a total of P19 billion over the next five years, to meet the regulatory target of 43 percent NRW reduction by 2007. This means laying a minimum of 885 kilometers of new pipelines in the next few years, and replacing a hefty chunk of the current 50-100-year-old pipeline system in the metropolis.

This year alone, Manila Water is spending over P3 billion for pipe replacements and the rehabilitation of water and sewerage infrastructure, bringing its total capital investments to P9 billion since it first started in 1997.

The company's wastewater program is particularly aggressive: a P7 billion sewerage and sanitation gameplan involving the construction of 27 new sewage treatment plants in organized urban communities in the East Zone, which will service the needs of 200,000 people by the end of 2004, and the provision of sanitation facilities for those who use septic tanks, which will benefit 3.4 million people in the next five years. The company had earlier completed a major rehabilitation of the 40 million-liters-per-day capacity Ayala Wastewater Treatment Plant in Makati, and the seven MLD capacity sewage plant at the University of the Philippines (UP)-Diliman campus in Quezon City.

The sewerage and sanitation program will help reduce the discharge of raw sewage into the environmentally-endangered Pasig River. Manila Water will build a 600 cubic-meter-per-day septage treatment plant next year to address the treatment of collected sludge from septic tanks. Two more septage plants will be constructed before the end of 2008.

Key achievements

- Non-revenue water has plunged to an all-time low, from the 1997 level of 63 percent to 47 percent, or roughly 150 MLD saved since 1997.
- Eighty-four percent of the East Zone population connected to the central distribution system now has 24-hour water supply compared to 27 percent in 1997.
- Drinking water quality standards are giving mineral water companies a run for their money with a consistently high 95 percent rating set by the Department of Health (DOH).
- Over 400 kilometers of new pipelines laid, and an additional 215,000 new household connections installed. Billed volume has shot up by 83 percent to over 800 million liters of water sold everyday (from only 440 MLD in 1997).
- Over P9 billion invested in the aforementioned pipe replacements, including the rehabilitation of water and sewerage infrastructure. These have added more than one million people being served, over half of whom live in low-income communities.
- Two decentralized sewage treatment plants built, with 27 more such projects under construction.
- One hundred percent compliance of final effluent quality with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) standards.
- Winner of "Model Company" Award from the Department of Trade and Industry for excellence in labor-management cooperation, productivity and family welfare and community relations.

Manila Water's biggest success is its "Tubig Para sa Barangay" Program, which has enabled socially disadvantaged sectors of society to obtain water connections at affordable rates. Since 1997, over 400 projects have been completed, benefiting over 110,000 households and providing water at 93 percent less cost than that charged by water vendors.

The program has minimized illegal connections, leaks and incidents of water contamination. This has improved the quality of life for more people and fostered excellent community service through Manila Water's customer service strategy of "malasakit." Manila Water is targeting another 100,000 individuals like Aling Fely by the end of this year.

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NBI urged to probe newsmen's slayings

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Journalists here have asked the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) to take the lead in establishing the real motive behind the murder of radio reporter Jonathan Abayon.

On Aug. 14, the Task Force Media, a body created by the local newsmen to monitor the progress of the Abayon murder case and of radioman Ely Binoya, wrote NBI director Reynaldo Wycoco asking the NBI to conduct a separate investigation.

The Task Force Media said they were doubting the sincerity of the police to solve the Abayon murder case after city police director Supt. Willie Dangane prematurely cleared boxer Manny Pacquiao of any liability.

"This development has created more questions in the minds of our colleagues and that of the family of Mr. Abayon," the letter further said.

On Friday, Pacquiao called for a press conference to air his side.

Plea

During the said press conference, Dangane even pleaded to the media to spare the boxer from the issue because he brings honor and pride to the city.

The media group also noted several inconsistencies in the pronouncements of Pacquiao's camp about Abayon's death.

In an interview with the local station of a giant television network here, Pacquiao denied knowing William Bael.

Bael was consistently tagged in reports, including by the police, as a bodyguard of the pugilist.

In a separate interview with the INQUIRER, Pacquiao said that on the night of the killing, he gave money to Bael before going to bed.

He said Bael's mother had just died and his wife was confined at a hospital in Davao City.

"We are not saying that the boxing sensation has a hand in the killing of Mr. Abayon. All we are after is the truth to come out. Many residents, newsmen and the family of the late Mr. Abayon are now asking why there is a frantic move to isolate Mr. Pacquiao from the incident," the media group said.

Groups of journalists, including those from other countries, have expressed concern over the police's failure to solve the killings of journalists in the country. *Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Vendors get ready for another market day at the Bangkerohan Public Market in Kapatagan, Davao del Sur, cleaning carrots before these are sold to buyers.

Role of 'jueteng' men in quarry taxes seen in Pampanga

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Who's overseeing now the collection of taxes in the quarry industry, touted to be the biggest potential source of public funds of the Pampanga provincial government?

Two INQUIRER sources said it is not Provincial Treasurer Vergel Yabut or his paymasters who actually collect the taxes.

Since July, it has been suspected *jueteng* lord Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda who has assumed the control of that public task, the sources reported on Monday.

Pineda, who reportedly bankrolled the campaign of Gov. Mark Lapid, is directly supervising the industry through his son, Lubao Mayor Dennis Pineda.

The governor and the mayor admitted being close friends.

Lapid's supposed man, who keeps an eye on the new setup, is Provincial Administrator Fidel Arcenas, an appointee of the governor.

Mayor Pineda, reached by phone on Monday, denied that he and his father have controlled the industry that thrives on the sand that Mt. Pinatubo spewed out during its 1991 eruptions.

"Some people may have misinterpreted my helping some mayors who have asked Governor Lapid to review their shares of the revenues," the mayor said.

Just helping

He said he was helping in his capacity as president of the Pampanga Mayors League.

According to the sources, the Pinedas stepped in after they succeeded in "easing out" former Provincial Administrator Benalfre Galang.

Galang, as head of the provincial quarry task force, is now chief of staff of Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid, the governor's father.

Under various officials and even under Galang, the task force had been hounded by alleged irregularities in collections. These resulted in graft charges against the former governor. The Sandiganbayan cleared him last July or after five years after the charges were filed.

Despite this, Senator Lapid continued to be hounded with questions on his alleged illegally gotten wealth.

A source in the provincial capitol said it is still Galang who sells the receipts through which the provincial government collects the P300-tax for every truckload of sand hauled out of Pampanga.

Reports said the receipts are fake and the genuine ones are recycled.

Galang, reached also by phone from the Senate, denied both claims. Yabut was in a meeting and could not be reached for comments.

P8 million in collection

Yabut earlier reported that about P8 million in quarry taxes had been collected from January to October last year.

But the INQUIRER source said this amount was too small compared to the P159 million that the state-owned Natural Resources Development Corp. collected in 1999 when it took over the collections of taxes.

Yabut had not released the latest figures on the collections despite an INQUIRER request.

Governor Lapid said it was Arcenas, as new chief of the task force, who was overseeing the industry.

"The task of quarry collections cannot be done by private persons because the sand are a public natural resource. Why would the Pinedas dip their hands in the quarry business? It's *jueteng* that Mr. Pineda is suspected of," the governor said.

Three quarry industry sources said the governor has chosen a certain "Tapang" from Manibaug in Porac, the hometown of the Lapids, to handle the collections.

ROUNDUP

Vessel runs aground

CEBU CITY—A passenger vessel ran aground a few minutes after it departed from the Poro Port on Camotes Island, Cebu on Tuesday. The 24 crewmen and 65 passengers of MV Melrivic Ten disembarked from the vessel and walked back to the port because the water was shallow. Chief Petty Officer Lemuel Alquiza, Cebu Coast Guard deputy commander, said the vessel left the Poro Port past 11 a.m. and was supposed to arrive at Pier 1 in Cebu City at about 3 p.m. But the strong waves and winds carried the vessel to the shallow waters, about 100 meters from the port, causing it to ran aground. Alquiza said Coast Guard Cebu would wait for a marine protest to be filed by skipper Alvin Jumawan. Melrivic Ten is owned by the EB Aznar Shipping.
Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau

Father, son nabbed

CAMP OLA, Legazpi City—Two most wanted persons in Binangonan, Rizal were arrested by police in Oas, Albay Tuesday. Albay police director Senior Supt. Guillermo Paguio identified the wanted persons as Paquito Aguilar Sr., and son Paquito Aguilar Jr. who have been at large for a case of frustrated murder in Binangonan, Rizal. The father and son have to post bail of P200,000 each. The Aguilars were cornered 5 a.m. Tuesday in Barangay Nagas by policemen headed by Chief Insp. Enrique Ramos. The two are now detained at the Oas police detention cell. As of press time, Paguio said they released the young Aguilar based on a Binangonan Municipal Trial Court order due to lack of evidence.
Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Health practices award

LEGAZPI CITY—The successful health programs of the city of Sorsogon dubbed "Mauswag na Ciudad" (Prosperous City) Health Services has paved the way for the city winning the 'Best Practices' Award in the recently concluded convention of the League of Cities of the Philippines. Mayor Sally Lee said that in her three years of service, the Sorsogon government assigned 12 sectors to monitor health problems in the barangays. In a year, about 37,000 ailing residents have been healed. She said she ordered the closure of some hospitals with poor services. Mauswag na Ciudad Health Services program gave the highest score to the city of Sorsogon, leading to the award. She said she would support the program as long as she is mayor. *Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Vigilante killings

DAGUPAN CITY—Is there a vigilante group in this city? This question has been bugging the police and city residents following the discovery of two bodies with "dog tags" with the words "Hired killer-bayaran (paid hack)" and "Huwag tularan, kawatan (Don't emulate, criminal)" hanged around their necks. Supt. Noli Taliño, city police chief, said two men were also shot dead in the city and similar tags were found on their bodies. He identified the recent victims as Ronald Ramirez, 27, and Jornald Landingin, 25, both from Bonuan Gueset. Killed last week were Ding de los Reyes and Ramil Agbayao. Taliño said Ramirez and Landingin were in the police list of wanted persons and had been linked to several jeepney holdups in Pangasinan. *Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Girl killed in mishap

STA. MARIA, Bulacan—A wayward van slammed into a school bus, killing a girl and injuring three others on Wednesday in Barangay Caypombo here. Police said Joanne Rabe, 6, died instantly due to head injuries. Rabe and her classmates were going home on their school vehicle when an Isuzu Elf driven by Jonathan Alcantara lost control and hit the bus. Alcantara was charged with homicide and physical injuries through reckless imprudence. He is now detained at the municipal jail here. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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Restoring Tangub's damaged forests

By Ryan D. Rosauro
Tangub City, Misamis Occidental

RAINS bring mixed feelings for retired public school teacher Narcisa Naron. She is anxious of soil eroding and draining into the rivers, as she sees the bald hinterlands of this city of Misamis Occidental.

Naron remembers witnessing this scene on Sept. 11 last year, when a heavy downpour turned the dirt road into a "brown river."

But Naron also relishes the coming of rains as it means that a government-led reforestation program for the city's 900-hectare open forestal zone will resume.

City administrator Tessie Lomanta said tree-planting activities were called off during summer and were scheduled to resume beginning June, which was expected to bring more rains.

Alarmed over the denuded riverbanks and dry riverbeds, the local government thought of rallying the residents through the program called Territorial Rehabilitation Effort for Ecological Sustainability (Trees) to restore the damaged ecology.

Although they know that the tragedy that had befallen its rivers is caused by the much larger destruction wrought on the Malindang Mountain Range, the local government chose to start in its own backyard: the denuded areas.

The rivers of Migcanaway, Panalsalan, Malubog and Bagumbang provide irrigation water for the city's farms.

However, during the less rainy months, the river runoff hardly flows through the lowlands, which has hindered the expansion of farmlands, said city agriculture officer Emigdio Florida.

Heart of the matter

Florida reckoned that with dependable irrigation, there is potential to increase threefold the city's mostly rain-fed ricefields; from the present 300 hectares to at least a thousand hectares.

Watershed reforestation is also vital to sustaining the supply of potable water, said Filomeno Fernandez, general manager of Tangub City Water District (TCWD).

Presently, TCWD's water production of between 40 to 50 cubic meters every month is sourced mostly from underground water with some gravity flow from a mountain watershed.

Due to high pumping costs, Fernandez said that in the medium term, they would be relying more on the watershed source that produces from eight to 10 liters of water per second.

This shift will save TCWD a third of its current operating costs in the near term as soon as the pipelines are laid, and conserve the city's underground water aquifer.

"An investment on watershed restoration and development is the indispensable component of this new water sourcing strategy," notes Fernandez.

Trees

The Trees program aims to restore the damaged watershed and banks of the four river systems, and develop some rehabilitated areas into ecotourism sites through sustained massive tree planting.

Four clusters of village governments and community-based organizations are in charge of the river systems. Each is assigned city councilors as coordinators.

Eleven other clusters of local and national government offices are responsible for developing the Tangub Highland Botanical Garden in Hoyohoy village, a hinterland hideaway about a thousand meters above sea level. As an initial coverage, the clusters are each allotted an average of a hectare to develop.

Every three months, all the clusters are required to report progress in their areas to the overseeing committee. And every year, each cluster's performance is evaluated and corresponding rewards are accorded for meritorious achievement.

The competition is expected to drive performance "not necessarily to win but to display their collective capacity to achieve something worthwhile," explained Vice Mayor Edemar Alota, coordinator of a pilot cluster headed by the city council.

"It would surely be embarrassing (to our peers) if, for example, the trees we planted don't grow," he said. This competitive spirit is the similar one that spurred to creative heights the decade-old annual holding of the Christmas Symbols Festival, which the city has now become famous for.

As per agreement with the local government, the environment department provides for the trees, and in fact has already allotted P1.8 million for the Trees program, disclosed Hadj Antonio Mala, city environment and natural resources officer.

To ensure constant monitoring, some 20 upland farmers who used to farm the area are employed as principal caretakers of the planted trees. They will do it side by side with the residents of Hoyohoy as pledged by village chair Carlos Fiel.

This is part of the "transition measures" adopted for the farmers to finally stop crop production in the area as soon as the trees are grown. Florida also assured that relocation farms for them are also identified as well as support for production enhancement and farm cost-reduction techniques.

Mostly using Hoyohoy as their expansion farms, these farmers are taught methods of raising commercially viable crops such as ginger, cabbage and carrots, without using chemicals.

Improved variety

Acknowledging that the program "is just the same banana" peddled to cure balding hills, Mayor Jennifer Wee-Tan, however, assured that "this is an improved variety."

Tan said previous reforestation programs in Hoyohoy failed due to poor mechanisms for attributing responsibility, and conducting monitoring, follow-up and remedial actions.

"When we return after a time, the trees we planted were either dead or suffer stunted growth," she lamented.

She added, "This is the same reforestation program, but we have here an improved implementation approach."

Trees is the first local government-led and managed reforestation program in Misamis Occidental and among the rest of localities surrounding the ecologically threatened 53,262-hectare Malindang Mountain Range Natural Park.

Once host to logging concessions, Malindang today has around 30,000 hectares of remaining forest cover but is shaved 25 to 50 hectares every year by timber poachers and slash-and-burn farmers.

For easy accessibility, Hoyohoy was used as staging ground by local environmental groups for ecological restoration activities for Malindang.

Playing on this same advantage, timber poachers prowling on the remaining commercially valuable trees in Malindang used Hoyohoy as a gateway for their activities, usually in cahoots with poor village residents.

In addition, the need to expand farm production to optimize income saw successive waves of planted trees uprooted by the plow.

That is why local environmentalists view the lessons of Hoyohoy as vital inputs and some sort of test case towards embarking on a vigorous environmental conservation and protection approach for Malindang.

On that fateful September afternoon last year, as the vehicle she rode negotiated carefully down hill amid the perilous tide of the "brown river," Naron trained her sight at the barren hills and recalled the thick forest that once covered these when she was yet a young schoolteacher in the nearby upland Kimat village.

Naron hoped that the season of rains is harnessed to counter the dangers that its coming portends to the bald mountain foothills.

Mindanao in 12 parts

By Jezafe Aisha A. Echavez
Iligan City

A Story of Mindanao and Sulu in Question and Answer
By Rudy Buhay Rodil
MINCODE 2003, 277 pages.

BOOK REVIEW

MY FIRST trip to Marawi City included witnessing a protest rally at the town's center, a side trip to Lanao Lake and going to the *tiangge* downtown to look at brass products. The night before I was already very anxious as my mother kept telling me what to wear and friends were less enthusiastic about the trip. I slept with butterflies in my stomach and woke up with the same feeling. I was finally going to see Marawi, "the land of the fierce moros", as my Ilongga nanny called it, to keep me from being a naughty kid, or else "the moros will kidnap you."

In my whole 20 years I have never been to Marawi, although it is just a 45-minute drive from Iligan City, where I live.

Being a pure Iliganon, meaning, both my mother and father's forefathers have lived in Iligan, I most certainly have Maranao blood flowing through my veins. Growing up, I was well aware of my ancestry. I saw pictures of my grandfather wearing a *kupia*. My maternal grandmother told me that my grandfather's ancestors were descendants of Sharif Kabungsuan and they lived in Watu, Lanao del Sur and my father's grandmother was a Maranao from Mandulog, a barangay that borders Iligan City and Lanao del Sur.

Proud as I am of my ancestry, I was still scared to go even to parts of Lanao del Norte where the areas were Muslim-dominated. This was probably because of the childhood fears fed by my nanny's "savage moro stories." After my trip to Marawi, I saw for myself not only the Maranaos' hospitality and kindness but their plight as Bangsamoro people as well.

This book by Rudy Buhay Rodil classifies the Bangsamoro people with the *lumad* as indigenous, one of the two categories of peoples that inhabit Mindanao at present.

Here, Rodil tells the story of Mindanao and Sulu in 12 parts. The question and answer format of the book makes it easier for students of Mindanao's history to digest the data because of the brief and concise answers, a huge relief from the overload of data we students encounter in most history books. The photos in the book reflect the present situation of Mindanao, besides.

Rodil starts his story-telling in Part I, where he defines the terms, Moro and *lumad*, their respective forms of government and the coming of Islam to the Philippines.

In Parts II-V, Rodil shows that by the Philippines becoming first a colony of Spain and then of America, the Moro and *lumad* folks were greatly affected. He tells how these people suffered in the hands of the foreign oppressors and how they responded in self-determination.

Rodil also tells of the success of Spain and America's divide-and-rule tactics in turning the people of Mindanao against each other.

"It is a standard tool employed by all colonizers to advance their colonial interests and the Spaniards were no exception. They usually made their enemies fight each other from uniting in a common cause and thus facilitate conquest and control. In the situation of the Philippines, the Spaniards never hesitated to use Christian Filipinos against their own kind, least of all against the Moros. Or even Moros against Moros." (p.26)

Rodil explains that it was not only the foreign colonizers who adopted the practice but also our own government that contributed to the marginalization of these minority peoples.

When the *lumad* and Moros' ancestral domains were taken from them in the guise of legal land concession grants and pasture leases, these led to more uprisings and peace and order problems.

In Part VIII, Rodil discusses the different movements, which arose from the Moros' struggle for self-determination and in Part IX he tells about the *lumad*'s armed uprisings, protests against the installation of geothermal plants on Mt. Apo and finally the *lumads*' organization that advocates their right to self determination.

A different note can be felt in the last three parts of the book.

Here, Rodil talks about the urgent need for peace building, unity and reconciliation of the *lumad*, Moros and the majority Christian population for a peaceful and progressive Mindanao. Also, he stresses the need for the government's participation of the regeneration process. Although the damage is a deep-seated scar sown by the colonizers, there will always be time for changes and we can do this by erasing our own biases by understanding our brother and sister Moros and *lumad*.

For Rodil, the tri-people of Mindanao are "three stones supporting a single cooking pot that is Mindanao."

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A woman visits the agriculture trade fair in Davao City getting attracted to orchids on display at the fair held in commemoration of the annual Kadayawan sa Dabaw feast.

Cement, steel prices up as result of hike in prices of gasoline

CEBU CITY—Due to the increases in fuel prices, the cost of construction materials, including cement and steel bars, has also gone up.

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) said the prices of cement went up by 5.63 percent due to adjustments in oil prices.

Costs of steel bars have also gone up by 13 percent because of two reasons—strong demand in China and because of the fuel price increases, said Asteria Caberte, DTI director for Central Visayas.

Caberte said that based on their monitoring, the price of cement went up from P142 per bag in May to P150 last week, or an increase of P8 per bag.

Cement is more expensive in Bohol where the increase went up to P160 per bag, or an increase of 7 percent, due to adjustments in transportation cost, she said.

Caberte said increases in fuel products affected the prices of cement because the fuel component in cement production was about 36 percent.

When asked if high demand was a factor for the increase, she replied: "Remember, it's rainy season now, there is even less number of construction work so therefore the demand is not high," Caberte said.

The prices of steel bars also went up. The cost of a 10-millimeter steel bar now costs P97.50 when it used to be only P88 in May. The 12 millimeter steel bar is priced at P140 from P127.

Caberte said the prices of steel bars were affected by the increasing demand in China. The high cost of imported raw materials and the fuel price adjustment also triggered the increase in the cost of steel bars.

But Caberte said her office has yet to monitor any increase in the prices of basic commodities like canned goods, milk, laundry soap and others.

The effects of the recent increases in oil prices, power rates, fare and minimum wages on the prices of basic commodities could only be detected after three months. *Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Albay town anti-rabies tactic draws criticisms

STO. DOMINGO, Albay—Branding it as an unfriendly act against man's best friend, organizations from Canada and United Kingdom and other animal welfare advocates denounced the move of this town's mayor to eliminate stray dogs through poisoning to stop the spread of rabies.

In a letter addressed to Mayor Herbie Aguas, Michael O' Sullivan, chair of the Humane Society of Canada, a charitable organization for the protection of animals and the environment, said that poisoning dogs is not a humane option.

"After ingesting the poison bait, it can take hours or even days for the poison to kill the animal. If the poison bait is laid unregulated and in uncontrolled manner, it can increase the chance of accidental poisoning of non-target animals, including pets and humans, most especially small children," Sullivan said in the letter.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Animal Welfare Society, Inc, likewise expressed opposition to poisoning of dogs.

Nita Hontiveros-Lichauco, president of Paws, said in her letter to the mayor that "poisoning of animals as a means of animal control is unacceptable for any reason whatsoever in the civilized world."

Paws, according to Lichauco, is willing to offer help to the municipality to institute humane measures for animal control.

Mayor Aguas said the move is the last recourse that they have to take to prevent rabies from spreading.

"It's a matter of life and death. We were torn between the lives of our people and that of the stray dogs and of course I'd rather choose to save my people's lives," he said.

"Considering our municipality to be a 4th class one, we can hardly afford dog pounds and such facilities that's why we just implemented this one, through a municipal ordinance," he added. *Joyce Mejillano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Cop faces rap for killing of German

By Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

TAGBILARAN CITY—A policeman is facing criminal charges for allegedly killing a German and wounding the foreigner's live-in partner near their house in Barangay Booy last Aug. 7.

SPO1 Joel Sabang of the Jagna town police station has been detained at Camp Dagohoy, headquarters of the Bohol Provincial Police Office, after charges of murder and frustrated murder were filed against him at the Tagbilaran City Prosecutor's Office on Wednesday.

Sabang, 38, did not resist arrest when he was disarmed by Insp. Tarcisia Jimenez, Jagna police chief, last Aug. 9.

Sabang and another unidentified person were accused of killing Peter Leo Oskar Kernke, 68, a German who was a longtime Tagbilaran resident.

They allegedly shot Kernke's live-in partner, Rosanna Bucio, 36, who was hit in the leg.

Bucio, in her affidavit, identified Sabang as the passenger of the motorcycle that was used by the suspects who ambushed them on Aug. 7.

Corroborated by affidavits of two of her employees, Bucio said a man later identified as Sabang went to their store sometime in July supposedly to inquire about computers.

Without any reason, Sabang suddenly asked them if the establishment was owned by Kernke.

Last Aug. 7, Bucio said she was driving the couple's Honda CRV car at about 7 p.m. on Saturday when she noticed a DT 125 motorcycle was trying to overtake on the right side.

Bucio and Kernke, who was sitting in the passenger seat, were on their way home from their store, the K & A Computers and General Merchandise.

Bucio said that because she got irritated, she looked at the two men riding the motorcycle when they got close and got a good look at them because they looked back.

The motorcycle was able to overtake them and disappeared but Bucio saw it again at a warehouse, more than 100 meters from their house.

Bucio said she noticed that the passenger already wore a bonnet. She started to get scared when she noticed what she thought was a gun protruding from his waist.

When she told Kernke about it, Bucio said the German told her to drive faster.

But the motorcycle overtook their vehicle when they got closer to their house. Then Bucio heard gunshots and saw that Kernke was hit in different parts of his body.

Kernke was declared dead on arrival at the Ramiro Community Hospital.

South Leyte doctors take nursing courses for jobs abroad

By Jani Arnaiz
PDI Visayas Bureau

MAASIN CITY—Doctors at the provincial hospital have found a cure for their financial woes—take a nursing course and go abroad.

Thirteen doctors at the Southern Leyte Integrated Provincial Hospital Office (IPHO) in Barangay Mantahan are taking up nursing at the San Lorenzo Ruiz School of Nursing in Ormoc City, Leyte.

They are among the 39 students who are taking special classes on Saturday and Sunday offered especially for doctors.

The other enrollees came from Ormoc and the nearby towns of Baybay and Isabel in Leyte. They are either working in government hospitals or are private practitioners, said Dr. Imelda Rodriguez, IPHO chief of clinic and who was one of those who enrolled.

Southern Leyte Gov. Rosette Lerias said she was "alarmed" when she learned that 13 of the 15 doctors at the IPHO are taking nursing courses.

She said she would talk to the doctors concerned because it appeared that they prioritize the need to earn more rather than be of service to people in the province.

Rodriguez said they decided to take up nursing in case there would be an opportunity to work abroad where salaries were higher compared to what they receive here, which she said was "not enough."

"And besides, we felt shortchanged as compared to other doctors who are working in another government entities," Rodriguez said.

"Other government doctors are receiving much more than us who are on call 24 hours," she said, referring to doctors who are working from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

But Rodriguez said their enrollment should not be a cause for worry because they would have to finish the course in three or four years and then take the board exams and the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools if they wanted to leave the service and work abroad.

She also gave assurances that they would not jeopardize their services at the hospital because "our duty should come first before our studies."

Dr. Leonardo Eway, IPHO chief of hospitals, was not concerned about the decision of the 13 doctors, especially since not one of the enrollees was from the surgery department.

Those who enrolled were obstetricians, gynecologists, pediatricians and general practicioners and were receiving at least P20,000 a month, he said.

"I am not worried at all. We have several nurses in the hospital who are applying (for jobs abroad) but have not left although they have completed the requirements," said Eway.

"What I resented is that they have enrolled without asking our permission first," he added.

Eway said the concerned doctors had asked private doctors to temporarily take over their jobs while they were attending classes in Ormoc, about two hours away from Maasin.

But he said he wanted the agreement to be put in "black and white" although he has yet to take up their request, allowing them to enroll in nursing.

"I want a written agreement from private practitioners they have requested to pitch in for them while attending their classes," Eway said.

Eway admitted that three district hospitals in the province located in the towns of Anahawan, Pintuyan and Sogod—need about 15 doctors "but sad to admit there are no takers."

May peak season for tourism in Chocolate Hills

By Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

TAGBILARAN CITY—The month of May proved to be peak season for tourists when the Chocolate Hills complex in Carmen town posted nearly P1 million in income, the provincial board (PB) tourism committee reported.

Board Member Ester Corazon Galbreath, tourism committee chair, said the provincial government-owned Chocolate Hills complex recorded a total net income of P848,352.57 last May.

The records showed a marked increase since the complex reported a net income of P652,125 the entire first quarter last year.

Reporting in a session chaired by Bohol Vice Gov. Julius Herrera Monday, Galbreath said most of the net income came from toll, which reached P425,713.20. The profit from consigned goods summed up to P334,872.64.

The complex showcases a viewing station to the world-renown Chocolate Hills. It also offers restaurant and hostel services on the highest elevation in Carmen town.

But Galbreath was disappointed over the weak performance of the complex restaurant and hostel, which reported a net income of only P87,766.73.

Her committee urged a meeting with Gov. Erico Aumentado to discuss appropriate measures to solve the "perennial problems on the restaurant losing operations."

The committee also recommended that the provincial board "continuously scrutinize" succeeding reports to "safeguard the operations" of the complex described as a "top priority government-run enterprise."

This was not the first time that the provincial board expressed disappointment over the performance of the complex facilities.

Last year, the provincial board questioned why the restaurant and hostel recorded only P65,816.94 in the first quarter when income from toll during the same period was "remarkably" high at P224,125.

This led provincial board member Felix Uy to wonder why the privately-owned Sagbayan Peak was making money "despite being only a second option" to the Carmen complex.

Situated in neighboring Sagbayan town, the Peak offers another view of the chocolate hills facing Cebu.

Cabbie 62nd victim of Davao vigilantes

DAVAO CITY—A 50-year-old taxi driver, described by his peers as a good man, became the 62nd victim of summary execution in the city.

PO3 Alfredo Heliane, investigator of the Sasa police station, said the body of Ronolfo de los Santos was found with a single bullet wound in the head at the Nova Tierra Village in Barangay Lanang, inside the taxicab he was driving, early Saturday morning.

Heliane said they were ruling out robbery because the victim's money was intact.

Investigators, he said, recovered P1,970 from the pocket of the victim's polo shirt and P247 from the cab's coin box.

A spent shell of a .45 cal. pistol was recovered beside the bloodied victim.

Heliane said based on a background check they conducted, De los Santos, a resident of Barangay Dumoy in Talomo District, had no police record.

De los Santos' fellow drivers told reporters he was friendly and had no known enemy.

They said they were also surprised why a good man should become a victim of summary execution.

The unabated killings in the city have already sent fears among suspected felons. *Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Rights group to sue PNP, Army for illegal arrest

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Human rights group Karapatan has accused the military and the police of arresting two leaders of militant farmers' groups in Bohol last Friday on suspicion that they were communist rebels.

Liza Serenio, Karapatan provincial coordinator, said they were contemplating filing charges of illegal arrest and detention against the policemen of Catigbian town and the members of 17th Special Forces Company.

She said the 17th SF company arrested Felipeneri Bejasa and Ireneo Ucang at about 5:30 a.m. on Friday in Barangay Rizal, Catigbi-an town on suspicion that they were members of the New People's Army.

The two were released at about 3:30 p.m. of the same day after the Bohol Provincial Police Office did not find any evidence that would warrant their continued detention.

Bejasa of Cortes town is vice chair of Hugpong sa mga Maguumang Bol-anong (Humabol), a member of the umbrella group Kilusan ng mga Magbubukid ng Pilipinas. Ucang, of Valencia town, is an organizer of Anakpawis.

The INQUIRER called up Maj. Raul Mendez of the 302nd Infantry Brigade but he said he was out of his office and could not issue a statement yet.

According to Serenio, Bejasa and Ucang came from Tagbilaran City and were riding a motorcycle on Friday dawn on their way to Trinidad town to attend a meeting with the members of Hiniusang Makinasodnong Mag-uuma sa Trinidad, an affiliate group of Humabol.

The two passed by Barangay Rizal in Catigbian to inform a leader of another affiliate farmers' group, the Kahugpungan sa mga Mag-uuma sa Catigbi-an (Camaka), to also schedule another meeting in their town.

But they were forced to stop a few meters from the house of their leader in the village because of a flat tire.

At that time, the members of the 17th SF passed by and searched the two farmers. They immediately arrested the two on suspicion that they were communist rebels after the soldiers found "illegal subversive documents."

But Serenio said these documents were copies of the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, which was signed by the National Democratic Front and government panel during their peace negotiations.

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QC crime rate tops Metro list

By Alcuin Papa

QUEZON City has recorded the most number of crimes in Metro Manila for the first seven months of the year.

The National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) revealed this even as it reported that the current number of crime incidents in the metropolis had gone down ten percent compared to the same period last year.

In the figures released yesterday by the NCRPO, Quezon City listed the highest number of crimes reported, with 2,068 from January to July. Caloocan City was second with 1,459 incidents.

But the Metro Manila police said the 9,023 crime incidents for the entire National Capital Region was lower than the 10,038 crimes recorded for the same period last year.

94 percent solved

The NCRPO also boasted that of the crimes reported, Metro Manila policemen solved a total of 8,548 cases or 94.74 percent.

The police in Quezon City posted a crime solution rate of 94.74 percent, while those in Caloocan City posted a solution rate of 96.57 percent.

Pateros could be the safest city in Metro Manila with only 51 crime incidents recorded so far. This was followed by Marikina with 104 crimes.

Index crimes, or crimes against persons as well as robbery and theft, also went down to 4,691 from last year's 4,819.

Also, there was a total of 4,332 incidents of non-index crimes, which are drug-related and include illegal gambling, estafa and swindling among others.

The figure is lower by 17 percent compared to the 5,219 incidents recorded last year.

NCRPO chief Director Ricardo de Leon attributed the decrease in crime incidents to intensified police operations, which include the setting up of checkpoints.

Havens for herons in the city

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THEY found a home. And they are likely to keep it.

Black-crowned night herons and other migratory birds that discovered a new home in the few swamps of Valenzuela City will soon be safe from bird hunters and those with a taste for exotic bird meat.

City officials are now pushing for the declaration of several areas in the city as bird sanctuaries, days after a wounded heron was found recently on Tuesday in Barangay Malanday.

A BLACK-CROWNED night heron, known locally as Bakaw Gabi, flies off with a twig to use for its nest in a mangrove tree that has grown in a marshland in Valenzuela City. Inset shows another night heron fixing its home.

JOAN BONDOC

On Wednesday, city Councilor Ritchie Cuadra, chair of the environment committee, with Councilor Gerry Esplana, proposed an ordinance to declare barangays Coloong, Tagalag, Balangkas, Isla, Wawang Pulo and Malanday as bird sanctuaries or protected areas.

Residents caught catching, selling or killing the birds would have to pay fines of up to P5,000 and plant at least 10 trees, according to the proposal.

Black-crowned night herons, also called nycticorax, are migratory birds usually found in coastal areas in several continents. Herons eat fish and therefore thrive in wetlands.

Sightings

They are also common in Southeast Asian countries like Taiwan, Indonesia and Malaysia.

There have been frequent sightings of herons in the Philippines. In the metropolis, herons are often seen in the coastal areas of Parañaque City. But as migratory birds are not endemic in the country, they leave after several hours.

On Tuesday, a team from radio station dzBB found a wounded heron near Villa Encarnacion in Barangay Malanday.

The heron, later named Olan, was brought to the Wildlife Rescue Center of the environment department in Quezon City, where it is undergoing treatment.

The rescue brought to public attention the plight of hundreds of herons and other migratory birds which, unknown to many, have already been living in an urban setting for a few years now.

Only temporary

Homeowners president Lorenzo Bogayan, who lives in Villa Encarnacion, told the INQUIRER he first saw herons in their village in 2000.

But the herons did not stay long.

After catching fish from a pond beside the village—a former farmland now under water because of excessive flooding—the herons would fly away.

But several months later, Bogayan and his neighbors noticed that the herons had started building nests on on the pond.

From then on, the herons stayed near the village. And their population grew.

Bird song

Villagers say they have gotten used to the chirping of the birds, especially at night.

"Masarap silang pakinggan. Para silang mga batang naglalaro (It's nice listening to them. They sound like children at play)," Bogayan added.

The herons have also become weather indicators. When a storm is approaching, the birds are usually noisy and restless, said Peddie Villacorte, another resident.

Some bird experts said this was the first reported case of breeding among herons in Metro Manila.

But just as the herons bring joy to the villagers, some residents have taken to hunting them down for food or sport.

Apart from the proposed ordinance, Cuadra said they were planning to declare the covered areas as eco-tourism spots.

Protection

Forums would also be held to educate residents about the need to protect migratory birds.

Six years ago, the mass hunting of migratory birds were also reported by concerned residents in Minalin town, Pampanga.

Environmentalists decried the growing practice of bird hunters who had targeted chicks because of the difficulty in capturing adult herons.

Ecology advocates warned against the practice, saying that it could cause the species to die out if left unchecked.

The birds were also found in the neighboring swamps of Candaba, where they had attracted other species to their breeding grounds.

Night herons usually thrive in swamps and marshes, and make their homes in colonies.

Warrant out for Freddie Aguilar nephew; family to protest

By Luige del Puerto and Tina G. Santos

What spurred arrest warrant?

- ON AUG. 8, a Sunday, the Toyota Prado driven by Jason Ivler hopped over the center island of the C-5 Ortigas Avenue flyover and crashed into the Isuzu Trooper of Undersecretary Nestor Ponce.
- Ponce died in the accident, while his wife was slightly injured.

JASON Ivler with cousin Maegan Aguilar

SURRENDER.

That is the advice of the police to Jason Ivler, the 22-year-old Filipino-American who figured in the vehicular accident where a Malacañang official was killed.

The offense he is charged with is bailable, said Sr. Supt. Ernesto Catungal. "He could always post bail," the official added.

On Friday, the Pasig Metropolitan Trial Court issued an arrest warrant against Ivler, who faces charges of reckless imprudence resulting in homicide, physical injuries and damage to property.

Deadly mishap

The warrant stemmed from a car accident on Aug. 8, wherein Undersecretary Nestor Ponce, presidential assistant for resettlement, was killed.

Marlene Aguilar, Ivler's mother and sister of singer Freddie Aguilar, told the INQUIRER yesterday that policemen went to their home in Blue Ridge, Quezon City, yesterday morning to serve the warrant. However, the lawmen did not find Ivler.

Catungal urged Ivler to go to the police station, rather than wait for them to arrest him.

After he posts bail, Ivler and the family of Ponce could let the case take its course, the official said.

But Aguilar questioned the validity of the warrant against her son. She said her lawyers had told her that it did not go through the proper process.

Aguilar noted that the warrant was issued "hastily" and did not even pass through the required preliminary investigation.

"I couldn't believe that a warrant could be issued that fast," she said, adding that her lawyers would contest its legality.

"Why would I surrender my son or post bail if, in the first place, the warrant is questionable? My son is free until proven guilty," Aguilar stressed.

Asked where her son was, Aguilar said, "He's with the family but he's not staying in the house,"

The sister of singer Freddie Aguilar also questioned the integrity of the Pasig City policemen handling the case.

"At this point I no longer trust the police," she said, adding, "All I am asking was for them to be fair in their investigation. But how can I rely on them (policemen) when they even 'cleaned' the scene of the accident before they called the members of the Scene of the Crime Operation. Why did they do that?"

Aguilar related that being a daughter of a former policeman, she "knows all the *kabulastugan o kalokohan ng mga pulis* (shenanigans of policemen)."

She denied that her son had been refusing to cooperate with the investigators.

Not ready for interview

"How can they say that? They were at the hospital when the doctor told them that the patient was not in the proper frame of mind to give any interview," she said.

She added that Ivler even volunteered to undergo tests to dispel assumptions that he was under the influence of liquor or drugs when the accident happened.

But the result of the tests has yet to be released, Aguilar said.

Ivler, the eldest of three children, is a Filipino-American studying Psychology in Hawaii. He is on vacation in the country and was supposed to leave yesterday.

Lawmen in Manila to tie knot

By Leila B. Salaverria

POLICEMEN in Manila who want to tie the knot but are short of funds or time to organize a wedding would soon get their chance to fulfill their wish.

The Western Police District is planning a mass wedding next month for policemen who are either single or married only in civil rites. Its aim is to promote a moral lifestyle among them.

The mass wedding would be held on Sept. 29, the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel, patron saint of policemen.

In a memorandum dated Aug. 9, WPD chaplain Arnulfo Castillo said only Manila policemen and non-uniformed personnel in Manila can participate in the event.

Community leader Albina Peczon; 102

ALBINA David Peczon, the first woman graduate of the University of the Philippines College of Pharmacy (1929), and a native of Mexico, Pampanga, died last Tuesday at the age of 102.

She was buried yesterday at the Eternal Garden Memorial Park.

Peczon received the Kasaysayang Buhay Award in 1998 at the age of 96 for "dedicating her life in the service of her family, community and the nation at large."

She raised five children who became productive members of society: Corazon (married to the late Arturo Orlina); Jose (married to Donna Villaflor); Albina (married to the late Perfecto V. Fernandez), Ildeponso (deceased, married to Evelyn Villegas) and Benigno (married to Elvira Gonzales). She will also be fondly remembered as "Granny" by all her grandchildren and great grandchildren, having led an exemplary life in the service of others.

Arms shipment seized

By Leila B. Salaverria

A MAN attempting to ship 18 firearms to Cebu was arrested Friday when the Coast Guard discovered that some of the guns had no proper licenses.

Nabbed was Emilio Cuyana Jr., who told authorities that the firearms he had been carrying were the property of a security agency in Cebu.

The guns, which consisted of 12 pump-action shot guns and six .38-caliber revolvers, were confiscated and taken to the Coast Guard's National Capital Region headquarters for safekeeping.

In a report, the PCG-NCR said the firearms were initially spotted by members of the Sea Marshals with K-9 units that were conducting inspections at the Eva Macapagal Terminal of Pier 15 on Friday morning.

The guns were supposed to be loaded on the SuperFerry 18 bound for Cebu.

When the operatives found the firearms, they asked Cuyana to show documents that would prove he was authorized to carry and ship such guns. However, Cuyana failed to produce the permits for two of the shotguns and six of the revolvers.

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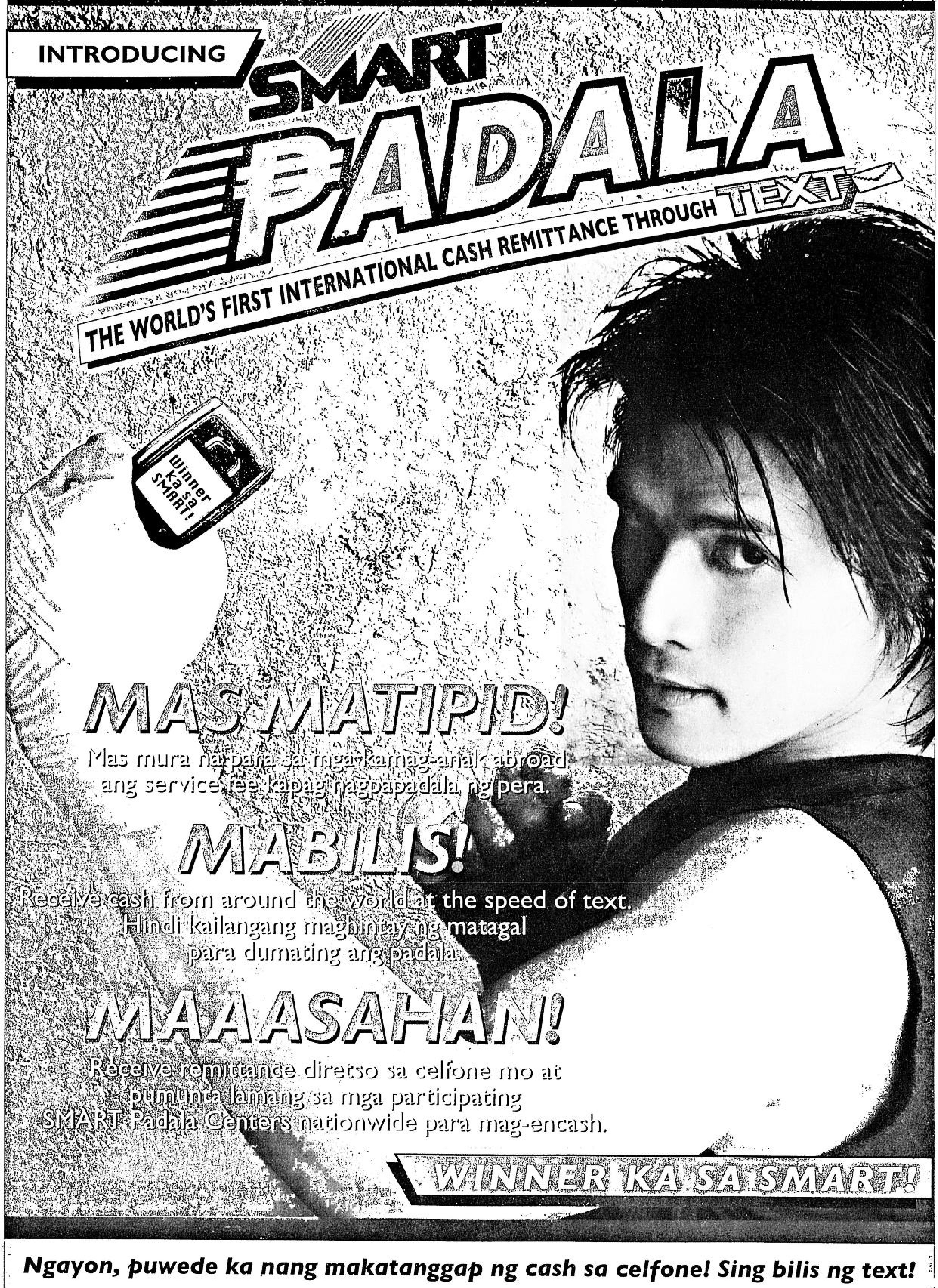

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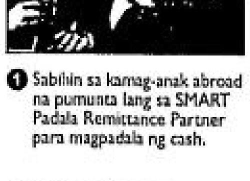

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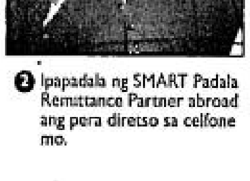

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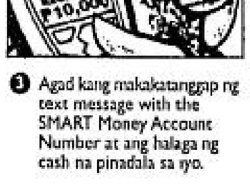

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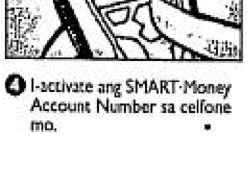

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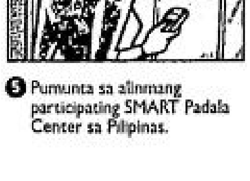

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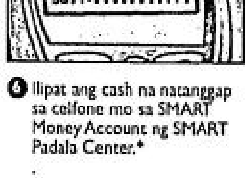

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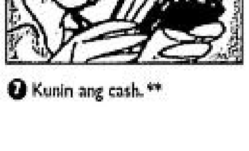

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Boxer Camat bows out; swimmers also flounder

By Artemio T. Engracia Jr.
News Editor

ATHENS—It was an inauspicious start for the Philippines in Day 1 of action in the 28th Olympiad here Saturday.

First, three Filipino swimmers fell by the wayside in their respective events, overwhelmed by Olympic jitters and the giant wake left by the world's swimming powerhouses.

Then, the lone Filipino shooter was struggling to steady his aim in his big international debut in non-combat shooting.

And finally, the first of the country's best medal hopes crashed out of the middleweight division against a comebacking Russian.

The initial setbacks transformed the Philippines' quest for an Olympic gold into a quixotic one with the burden of winning it falling squarely on the shoulders of the three remaining boxers.

Christopher Camat also became the first of the four boxers to be eliminated when he lost a one-sided fight to Russia's Gaydarbek Gaydarbekov on points.

The Russian, a silver medalist in the Sydney Olympics, methodically demolished Camat through four rounds with razor-sharp counter punches and wicked uppercuts. Although the 24-year old Filipino was outclassed by the Russian throughout, the fight was actually much closer than what the final score showed.

The judges gave the fight to Gaydarbekov, 35-13 with the referee giving Camat the count on two occasions, in the third and fourth rounds when the Filipino was charging like a bull and the Russian fending him off like a seasoned matador.

Miguel Molina, Miguel Mendoza and Raphael Chua were eliminated in their respective events one after the other at the Olympic Aquatic Center where they had held little hopes of even advancing to the next rounds of the swimming eliminations.

The usually steel-nerved Jethro Dionisio started off well, hitting all but one of his clay targets in the first round of 25 clays before fading in the second of 25 to finish 32nd out of 35 entries in the first day of the trap competition.

Hitting 24 of 25 targets, Dionisio was within range of the leaders in the first round, but he missed five in the next 25 and missed two more in the third round.

With a score of 67 after the first 75 targets, he might need a perfect score in the final 50 targets on Sunday to keep a very slim chance of placing sixth and qualifying into the next round.

Swimming official Chito Rivera said Molina and Chua were both victims of Olympic jitters as first timers in the Games, but he was particularly happy with the performance of Mendoza, who topped his heat in an event he considers only a warmup for his favorite event.

Molina was first to fall, finishing dead last in Heat No. 2 of the men's 400-meter individual medley and 34th overall in the field of 36. He clocked four minutes and 33.25 seconds—some 10 seconds off his Olympic qualifying time.

Although he was swimming third half of the way, the 19-year old UC-Berkeley student was off his pace in the first and butterfly leg of the

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MIGUEL Mendoza in a winning moment. PDI PHOTO

ATHENS 2004 SCHEDULES

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Aug. 16
AQUATICS
(Olympic Aquatic Center)
10:00-11:38
James R. Walsh 200m Butterfly-Heats
BOXING
(Persiter Olympic Boxing Hall)
13:30-17:00
19:30-23:00
Harry Ta amor Light Flyweight 48 kg
AQUATICS
(Olympic Aquatic Center)
19:00-20:55
200m Freestyle Finals
100m(women) Breastroke Finals
200m Butterfly Semifinals

Aug. 17
AQUATICS
(Olympic Aquatic Center)
10:00-12:12
1) Miguel S. Molina 200m Breastroke–Heats
19:00-20:46
200m Butterfly Finals
200m Breastroke Semifinals
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8:30-12:00
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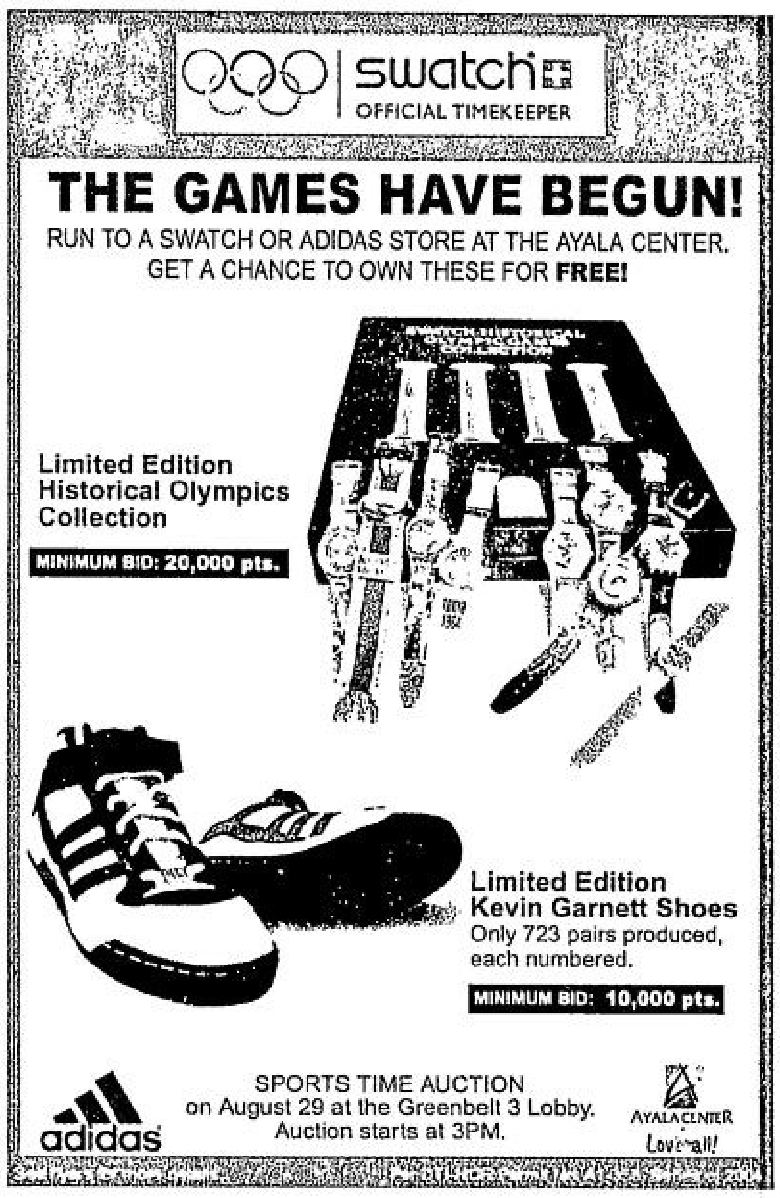
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Olympic boxing squad down to 3

By Artemio T. Engracia Jr.
News Editor

ATHENS—The first of the Philippines' boxing hopes was dashed Saturday when middleweight Christopher Camat crashed out after being outclassed by a wily Russian on the first day of competition in the 28th Olympic Games here Saturday.

Camat lost a lopsided decision to Russia's Gaydarbek Gaydarbekov, the counter-punching silver medalist of the Sydney Olympics, and turned over to the three other Filipino boxers the burden of winning the country's first ever gold medal in the Olympics.

Light welterweight Romeo Brin will see action on Sunday against the Uganda-born Patrick Bogere of Sweden.

Flyweight Violito Payla will fight Uzbekistan's Tulashboy Doniyorov on Tuesday and the highly rated light flyweight Harry Tañamor will go up against Sherali Dostiev of Tajikistan on Wednesday.

Camat, who was relieved of flag-bearing duties in the opening ceremonies on Friday to prepare him for Saturday's bout at the Peristeri Olympic Boxing Hall, failed to find his range early in the fight and never recovered from the points piled up by the Russian.

He incurred two standing counts—one in the third round and another in the fourth.

The final score was 35-13 for the Russian, one of the favorites in the 75-kilogram class, but the fight was actually much closer than that.

The Filipino managed to sneak in a few punches in the first round and actually emerged from an exchange with the first point of the fight. But that was about the only time he led the fight.

Lacking in power but quick to the punch, Gaydarbekov took over from there. Methodically and effectively, the Russian piled up points, scoring with a variety of shots to the head of the charging Camat and conceding only a few occasional points to the Filipino.

Two wicked rights ended the first round at 6-3 for Gaydarbekov.

The Russian pressed his advantage and was even sharper with his counterpunches in the second round, forcing the Filipino to miss wildly at times.

A combination raised the Russian's advantage to 10-4 and it became 12-4 with a solid right to the face. Camat became desperate after that.

Tams trip Archers; Falcons check skid

By Jasmine W. Payo

GAMES TODAY
(*Philsports Arena*)
11:30 a.m.—UE vs UP (Jrs)
*2 p.m.—UE vs UP (Srs)
*4 p.m.—UST vs Ateneo (Srs)
6 p.m.—UST vs Ateneo (Jrs)
*Live on Studio 23

FAR Eastern University relied on balanced scoring as the Tamaraws crushed the De La Salle Archers, 70-52, to keep solo second in the 67th UAAP varsity basketball tournament yesterday at the Araneta Coliseum.

Earlier, fiery Mark Abadia shot 24 points and grabbed 19 rebounds to lead the Adamson Falcons past the National University Bulldogs, 70-65, in double overtime.

FEU now stood at 6-2, while Adamson moved into a tie with La Salle and University of Santo Tomas for fourth at 4-4, behind solo third-placer UE. NU extended its losing skid to eight games.

Tamaraws main man Arwind Santos and rookie Roser Mangahas teamed up in the first half to give FEU an 11-point buffer, 37-26, at the break.

Mac Cardona and TY Tang took up the scoring cudgels for La Salle, but FEU responded with an 11-2 charge for a 17-point cushion at the end of the third period, 55-38.

A trey from RJ Rizada followed by a jumper from Mark Isip made it a 20-point bubble, 70-50, in the final two minutes.

La Salle, the top-scoring team this season, finished with a poor 29.3-percent shooting clip. It was only the Archers' second back-to-back loss since coach Franz Pumaren took over in 1998.

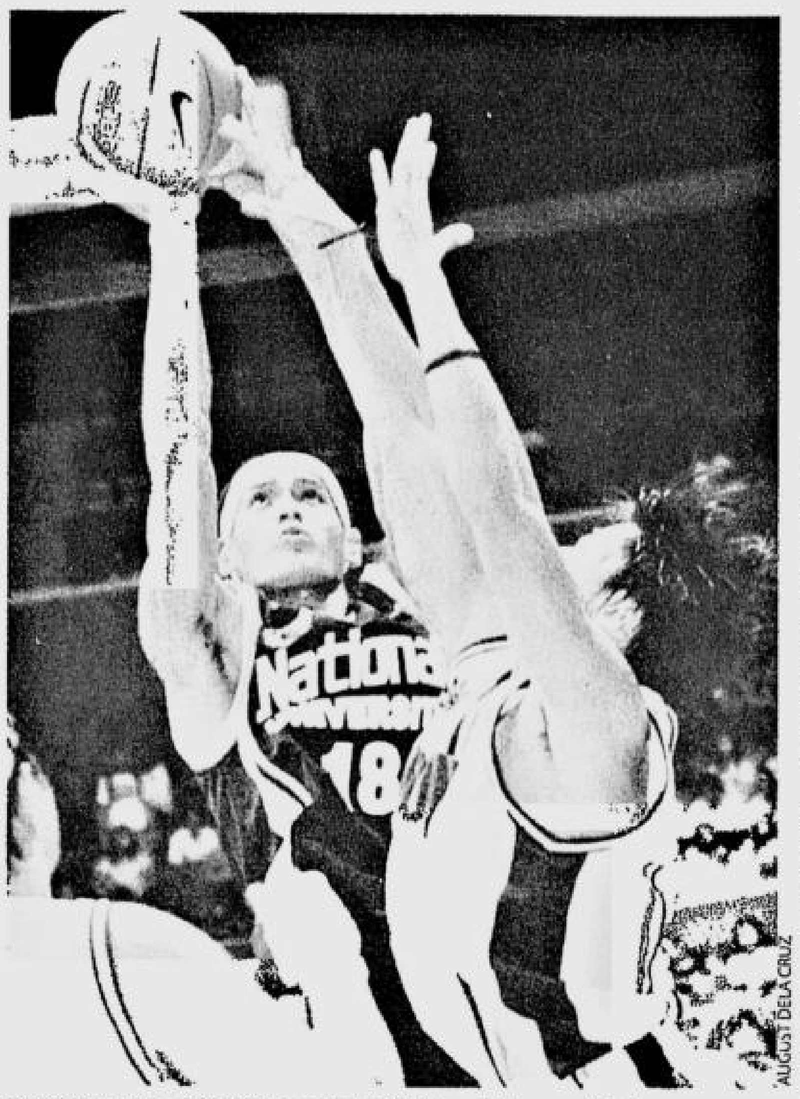
NU fared better in junior play as the Bullpups overpowered the Baby Falcons, 79-62, behind Reynaldo Calingasin and Mark Vargas.

Third game (Srs)

FEU 70—Santos 15, Rizada 14, Isip 12, Mangahas 9, Miranda 6, Chan 6, Yabut 5, Cutler 3, Villanueva 0, Garcia 0, Adolfo 0.

LA SALLE 52—Yeo 14, Cardona 13, Tang 8, Gaco 5, Maierhoffer 5, Gavino 2, Casio 2, Cabatu 2, Benitez 2, Galinato 0, Araña 0.

Quarters: 17-12, 37-26, 55-38, 70-52.


AUGUST DELA CRUZ

EDWIN Asoro of NU fires a shot off Richard Alonzo of Adamson.

All-Star game in Cebu today

GAMES TODAY (*Cebu Coliseum*)
4 p.m.—Slam dunk competition
6 p.m.—North vs South

By June Navarro

CEBU CITY—It's that time of year when players put up a show to please their fans.

The best and the brightest talents in the pro league, representing the North and South teams, match skills at 6 p.m. today in the PBA All-Star game at the Cebu Coliseum here.

"The atmosphere here is different. There's no other time in the season that you get this kind of atmosphere. Everything is about winning and having fun," said North All-Stars head coach Yeng Guiao.

The Red Bull Barako bench tactician and Pampanga vice governor will pin his hopes on starters Romel Adducul (Ginebra), Vergel Meneses (FedEx), Olsen Racela (San Miguel) and rookies Paul Artadi (Purefoods) and Rich Alvarez (Shell).

The South All-Stars will try to live up to expectations by the predominantly Cebuano crowd.

"We don't want to get embarrassed in front of the home crowd. We'll try our best and give the crowd something to be proud about," said South All-Star coach Joel Banal of Talk 'N Text.

Starters Asi Taulava and Jimmy Alapag of Talk 'N Text, Ginebra's Eric Menk, Sta. Lucia's Kenneth Duremdes and rookie James Yap of Purefoods will try to even out matters for the South stars, who trail in their series with the North at 1-2.

In yesterday's side events, Purefoods' Rob Johnson defended his crown in the obstacle challenge while Shell's Ronald Tubid defeated FedEx's Renren Ritualo, 18-16, in the three-point shoot-out.

Tubid and Ritualo later joined Alaska's Mike Cortez and Ginebra's Mark Caguioa to challenge legendary shooters Allan Caidic, Al Solis, Boy Cabahug and Roel Gomez, but lost, 43-55. Caidic and his fellow past three-point kings won P30,000 while Tubid and company shared P15,000.

Serving as an aperitif to the All-Star game is the slam dunk contest, which pushes through without reigning slam dunk king Brandon Cablay of Alaska.

"My right knee hurts. I can jump but not as high as I can. I'll restrain myself from doing anything crazy," said the 6-foot Cablay, who will be replaced by teammate Sonny Thoss in the contest.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner's Office fined several players who failed to attend some of the official functions during the All-Star week.

MADRIGAL WINS ANEW: Alessandra Madrigal won the Cadet class (60 cc category) in the fourth leg of the 2004 Shell Super Karting Series in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, recently. It was her third straight victory in the Cadet class. The 8-year-old Alessandra is the daughter of Gerard and Terri Madrigal.

Boxer Camat bows . . .

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medley. He faded to fifth in the breaststroke leg and was spent going into the freestyle final 100 meters.

His time was almost 20 seconds behind the top qualifier, world record holder Michael Phelps, the young American who plunged into his date with destiny in his bid to beat the record of seven Olympic gold medals held by Mark Spitz.

Mendoza was next in the pool for the 400m freestyle and finished 36th among the 46 qualifiers. He led all the way to top his heat in an event he does not consider his favorite.

Although his time of 4:01.99 was better than his Olympic qualifying time of 4:03.54, it was still off his personal best of 3:59.07.

The 21-year old Chua finished 50th in a field of 59, clocking 1:06.37 and falling short of the RP record of 1:04.18 held by Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain.

4 WBF title bouts for Papa Sarreal

By Salven L. Lagumbay, *Contributor*

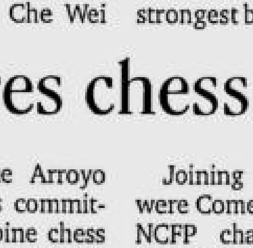
FOUR World Boxing Foundation title fights will be held on Sept. 25 at the Elorde Sports Complex in Parañaque to mark the birth anniversary of the late noted boxing promoter and matchmaker Lope "Papa" Sarreal.

Promoter Gabriel "Bebot" Elorde Jr., grandson of the "Grand Old Man of Philippine Boxing," said the top bout will feature a flyweight clash between Filipino Sukarno Banjao and Indonesia's Yonki Afrizal for 12 rounds.

Sarreal passed away nine years ago after producing a total of 22 world champions of different nationalities. Among his noted discoveries were his son-in-law Flash Elorde, Saensak Muangsurin of Thailand, unbeaten Masao Ohba of Japan and Ricardo Arredondo of Mexico.

The fight card was an offshoot of the recent visit of WBF president Mick Croucher, who met with Filipino promoters in a bid to establish the organization's presence in the country.

Manalo banners RP cue artists vs Taipei



MANALO

RISING stars Marlon Manalo and Dennis Orcollo will lead a five-man Philippine team against a Chinese-Taipei squad bannered by two-time world champion Fong Pang Chao and two-time Asian Games gold medalist Ching-Shun Yang.

The Philippines-Taiwan 9-Ball Challenge, a project of Solar Sports, also features Antonio "Nickoy" Lining, Antonio Gabica and Gandy Valle testing the mettle of world championship runner-up Pei-Wei Chang, Che Wei Fu and Po Cheng Kuo.

The event will be held on Aug. 24-26 at the Octagon Hall of Robinson's Galleria, Mandaluyong City. Matches will be from 2-9 p.m. daily. Solar Sports will air the games from 6-9 p.m. on Channel 29 (cable TV) and RPN.

At stake is $40,000 (P2.2 million) for the winning team and $20,000 (P1.1 million) to the losing side in this first ever head-to-head showdown between Asia's strongest billiards nations.

Wendell writes

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

ONE stood out from among the readers who reacted to my "Formula of Olympic success" (08/14/04). Describing my piece as "an eye-opener for a poor father like me," the fellow said that despite "a life of want," he'd go "all the way" in helping his child win an Olympic berth if "my child so desires." His letter:

"Dear Mr. Mendoza:

"I like your column today (Saturday). It is an eye-opener for a poor father like me.

"I am a janitor. I earn just enough to keep the family afloat.

"Once a week, my wife washes the clothes of a wealthy man, whose father, when he was still alive, used to employ my father as his driver.

"The wealthy man is single. He lives alone, with only a maid for company. He owns a house that has a garage filled with four vehicles. One is a Cefiro. Another is a Ford Expedition. Another is a RAV4. And yet another is a Volvo. He is so rich I wonder why he can't send his maid to the neighborhood Lavandera Ko to do his laundry. But in a sense, I am grateful for that. The laundry fee he gives to my wife weekly helps us a lot in making both ends meet.

"And, just like you, I go to Quiapo to thank the Black Nazarene for the blessings we enjoy, small as they may be. Yes, we still live a life of want, but I leave it to God, thank Him even, if He wants us to live that way all our life. I'd also go all the way if my child so desires to dream of an Olympic stint in the future.

"But if only to make myself clear, Mr. Mendoza, I'm not complaining. I can't complain. I am alive. I am healthy. Just like my wife and two kids, I still eat three meals a day. Sometimes, I buy beer (make that San Miguel), usually Saturday night before dinnertime. Dinner would normally consist of *sinigang na baboy* and boiled rice (make that steaming hot). A luxury for us already. Two beers would be enough to gun up my appetite. The missus approves of it; always, she smiles the minute I tell her I'm having two beers before dinner.

"But back to your column, Mr. Mendoza.

"The three options you mentioned that a parent can choose from when confronted with a child wanting to adopt a sport were really nice.

"You said that the first option is, ignore the child's decision to go into sports. Second, support it. Third, encourage it.

"You were not only being practical, you were also right on target, especially when you said that only the rich can really encourage their children to dream of an Olympic stint. It's obvious: They have the money to spend for their child's dream.

"Truth is, after reading your column, I suddenly had this urge, almost uncontrollable, to rush to the INQUIRER and look for you, hug you tight, and then shake your hand. Indeed, you hit the nail right on its head.

"But then, when you said you have yet to see a millionaire's son become a boxer, why that's the one that really floored me. For, indeed, what millionaire in his right mind would allow his son to indulge in boxing?

"Boxing is not only a very cruel sport, it can maim you, if not kill you. Right you are: Only the poor like me will go into boxing. We can bear the pain of punches because, in the first place, we are used to any kind of pain. When I was small, I had boxed a lot. Frankly, I never cried, even when my lips got busted one time.

"But the thought of a rich man's son being able to withstand bruises and lumps in the face brought on by the cruelties of boxing? Unthinkable, Mr. Mendoza.

"And so, I agree with you. Only non-millionaires can dream of making it to Olympic boxing. The pain, the hurt, the hardships of training, the punishment that one has to endure while pursuing the Olympic dream—only the poor like me can bear that.

"So, why the hell have I not thought of picking up a sport, like boxing maybe, when I was a kid? My father might have approved of it. He had dreamed of becoming a boxer himself. In fact, he knocked out that unmarried wealthy man with a left hook when they were kids after the spoiled brat had slapped my father for no apparent reason at all, except to claim that my father (may his soul rest in peace) had given him a provocative stare.

"As to my two kids, both boys, well, they are still too small—the eldest is three and the youngest is one. If and when they show interest in sports in the future, can I consult you?

"More power to you, Mr. Mendoza. I hope you continue writing not only about the Athens Olympics but also about life.

"Very truly yours, Wendell I. Niretobar

"P.S. I became a janitor after finishing two years of computer science."

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FASTBREAK. I raise a glass to two great guys, Immigration Commissioner Al Fernandez and Comelec Chair Ben Abalos, for accepting crucial positions in sports despite holding critical jobs in government. Fernandez is chairman of the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association, and Abalos honorary chair of the National Chess Federation of the Philippines. These gentlemen will be a force to reckon with and I foresee good things coming in the turfs of GTK at Patafa and Rep. Mat Defensor at NCFP. Cheers!

FG assures chess support

FIRST Gentleman Mike Arroyo yesterday reiterated his commitment to support Philippine chess even as he exhorted the new officers of the National Chess Federation of the Philippines "to work for the greater glory of the country."

Arroyo, who inducted the NCFP officials at the Sulô Hotel in Quezon City, also took the opportunity to assure Grandmasters Joey Antonio and Nelson Mariano of his help when the two compete in the Malaysian Open on Aug. 21.

Joining Arroyo in the affair were Comelec chair and honorary NCFP chair Benjamin Abalos, Quezon City Rep. Matias Defensor and athletics chief Go Teng Kok, who are both NCFP directors.

Also present were NCFP directors Maj. Gen. Arturo Carillo, lawyer Andres Gatmaitan, lawyer Samuel Estimo, Eduardo Madrid, Juanito Calditaran, Wilfredo Abalos, Dr. Gil Asoy, Red Dumuk, Milagros Emperado, lawyer Romeo Seratubias, Arthur Tan and Jesus Torre.

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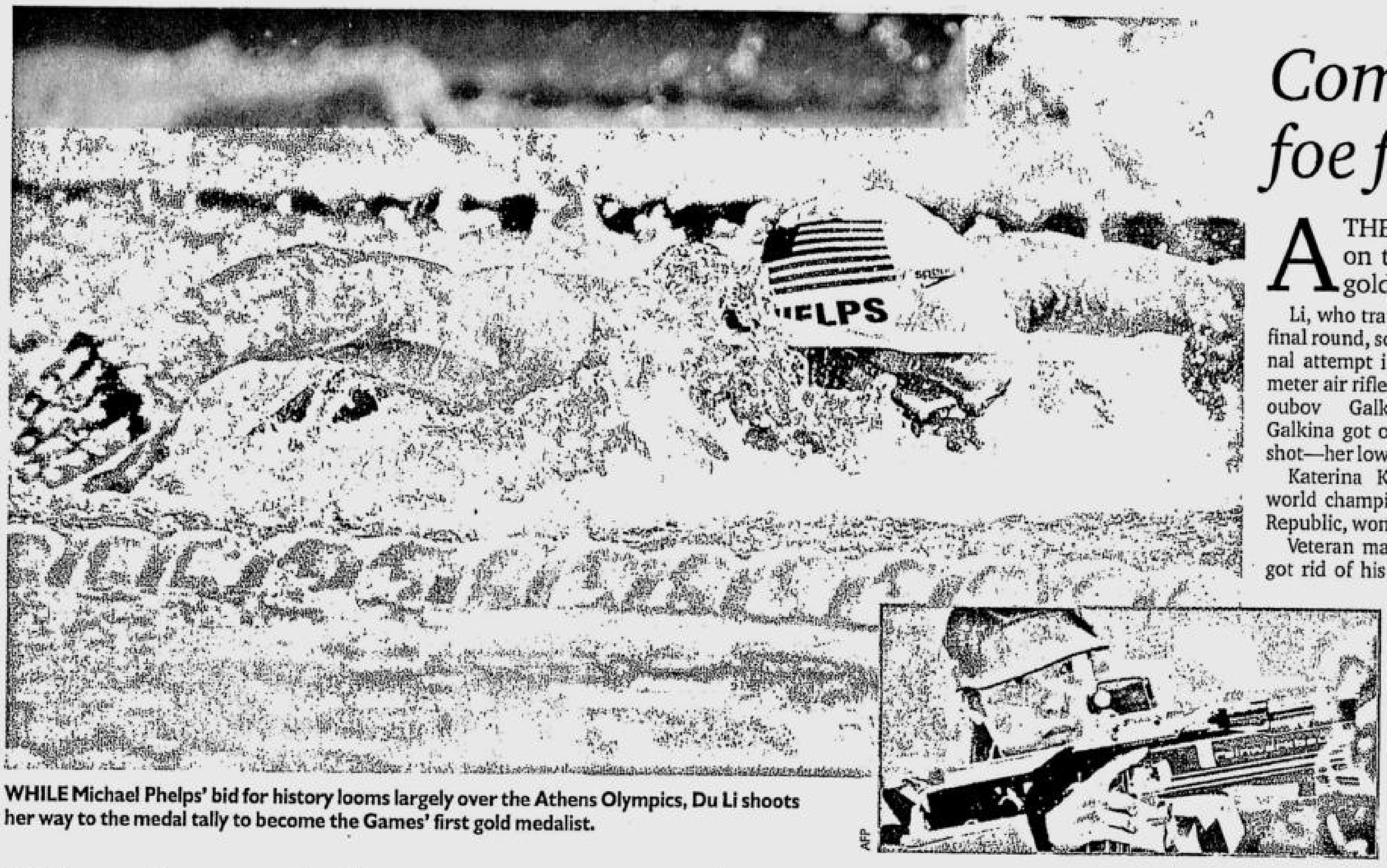
Chinese shooter wins first gold



AP

WHILE Michael Phelps' bid for history looms largely over the Athens Olympics, Du Li shoots her way to the medal tally to become the Games' first gold medalist.

AFP

Compatriot shades foe for perfect start

ATHENS, Greece—With a dramatic turnaround on the last shot, Li Du of China won the first gold medal of the Summer Games.

Li, who trailed throughout the final round, scored 10.6 on her final attempt in the women's 10-meter air rifle, edging Russia's Lioubov Galkina 502.0-501.5. Galkina got only 9.7 on her last shot—her lowest mark.

Katerina Kurkova, the 2002 world champion from the Czech Republic, won the bronze.

Veteran marksman Wang Yifu got rid of his choker tag to win China's second gold medal in the 10-meter air pistol final for a perfect 2-of-2 start in the shooting competitions, where Chinese officials predicted a 10-gold haul.

Trailing to Russia's Mikhail Nestruev with one shot left, 1992 Olympic champion Wang scored a 9.9 to pip his opponent by just 0.2 points in a nerve-shredding finale.

It was a dream result for Wang, who had been pipped for gold in the last two Olympics. At the 1996 games in Atlanta he collapsed in shock and needed to be stretchered out by paramedics after blowing a huge lead in the final.

He was beaten into second place at the Sydney games in 2000—and it looked like it was going to be a case of third time unlucky for Wang in Saturday's final.

Having gone ahead by 660.9 points to Nestruev's 660.6, Wang then watched in horror as he could only muster an 8.9 with his penultimate shot to leave the Russian ahead on a countback going into the last shot.

Yet it was Nestruev's nerve that failed when it counted, the Russian only managing a 9.7 to leave Wang victorious. Another Russian, Vladimir Isakov, won bronze.

On their final attempts, Li shot after Galkina. When her winning score was posted, the crowd, which had previously held its applause until after all competitors had finished, erupted. Li's score of 502 points set an Olympic record.

Galkina appeared to have Athens' first gold medal within her grasp. After setting her own Olympic record with a 399 in qualifying, she led Li by 1.4 points with just three shots left. But Li, who started with a 9.4, scored two 10.8 seconds before her final attempt.

"To start with, I was a bit nervous," Li said through a translator. "The more I did it, the more confidence I have got." *AP*

Phelps, Thorpe make it look easy

ATHENS, Greece—Michael Phelps made his first day in the Olympic pool look easy.

He began his quest to break Mark Spitz's record of seven Olympic gold medals as the fastest swimmer in morning preliminaries for the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 4 minutes, 13.29 seconds—well off his world record of 4:08.41.

He was to return Saturday night for the eight-man final as the overwhelming favorite to win his first gold medal of the Athens Games. American swimmers have finished 1-2 in the event at the last two Olympics.

"I'm glad the meet is finally here," Phelps said. "I felt comfortable and in control. I'm not worried about time. I just want to get my hand on the wall first."

Ian Thorpe, the superstar of the Sydney Games, settled for being the second-fastest qualifier behind Australian teammate Grant Hackett in the 400 freestyle.

"I'm pretty confident," Thorpe said. "It was a quality swim for both me and Grant."

Hackett finished in 3:46.36. Thorpe, the world record holder, was next in 3:46.55.

"It's always nice to be together," Hackett said. "You want to race the best in the field. You want to be right next to him."

Thorpe fell off the starting blocks and was disqualified at the Australian trials in March. But teammate Craig Stevens gave up his berth in the 400 free so Thorpe could have a chance to defend his Olympic title.

This time, he didn't fall in, but Thorpe was one of the slowest swimmers off the blocks.

"I was trying to be last off the blocks this morning, so I'll be first off the blocks tonight," he said, jokingly.

On the deck, though, Thorpe was all business. He walked out barefoot wearing a full black body suit, with his cap and goggles already on. Most swimmers remove layers of clothing, jackets and shoes in the moments before a race. *AP*

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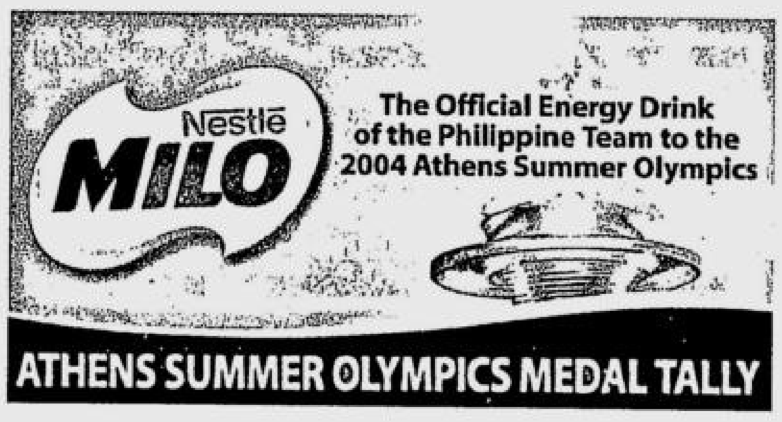
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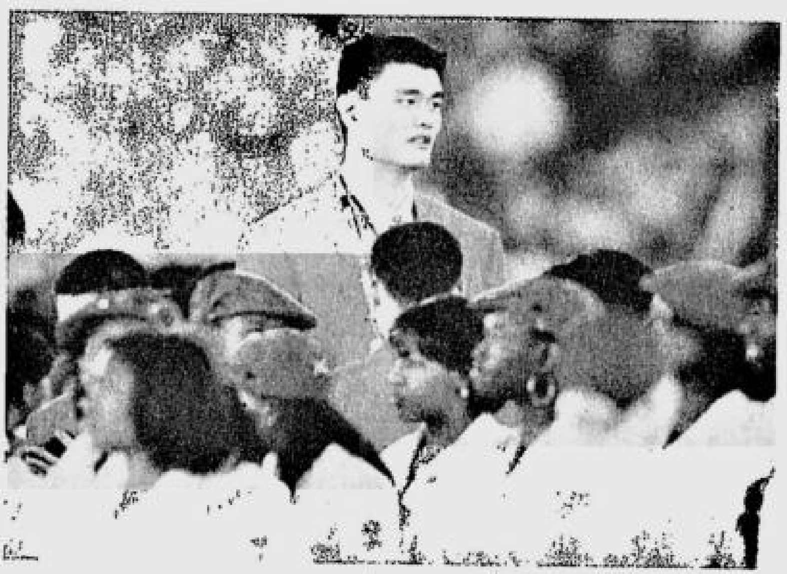

CHINESE basketball star Yao Ming, at 7-foot-6, dwarfed everybody else in the opening ceremonies.

AP

King of birds eyed as new SEAG mascot

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINE Eagle—with its sharp talons and powerful wingspan—has swooped down on the diminutive, big-eyed tarsier.

The nocturnal primate's stint as the official mascot of the 2005 Southeast Asian Games seemed headed to extinction as the SEAG organizing committee reportedly wants to replace it with the large regal bird of prey.

Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain said members of the Philsoc—chair Robert "Obet" Pagdanganan particularly—don't find the tarsier fit as mascot for the SEAG, which the country is hosting for the first time since 1991.

"(The Philippine Eagle) is known in our native tongue as the 'Haribon' and I am determined to make the Philippines the king of 2005 SEA Games." said Pagdanganan, also the country's tourism secretary.

The Philippine Eagle, the biggest of such species found only in the jungles of Palawan, preys on small animals, including monkeys.

However, the decision to change the mascot has to be approved unanimously by the Philsoc, composed of representatives from the Philippine Olympic Committee and the government.

Buhain believes that the country's campaign should be symbolized by the "might and flight" of the Philippine Eagle, whose beauty, grace and strength represent the country and its people.

"The logo and the mascot play a big part in putting up a face of the country as host of the Games," said a member of the Philsoc.

Philsoc member Red Dumuk said he has yet to hear from his fellow members, particularly from Philsoc and POC president Celso Dayrit, regarding the possible change of the mascot.

The Philsoc already has an official logo, which is a festival mask, depicting the country's numerous fiestas that attract local and foreign tourists.

In 1991, the Philippines used the Sarimanok—a mountain-dwelling fighting cock with colorful feathers—as its mascot.

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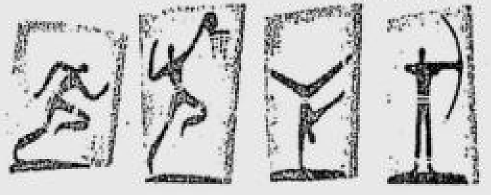


GDAP sets big October Golf Show

VARIOUS sectors of the golf industry worldwide are set to make their presence felt in the 2004 Philippine International Golf Show scheduled Oct. 8-10 at the SM Megatrade Hall in Mandaluyong City.

The event, organized annually by the Golf Distributors Association of the Philippines (GDAP) in coordination with exhibit manager Fairs & More, will feature several booths showcasing the latest in equipment and apparel as well as turf care maintenance and hardware.

Preparations for the Golf Show are in full swing and booth reservations are steadily rising two months before opening day, said Gerald Raymundo, GDAP president and Lovell Gopez, GDAP vice chair and show chair.

The Golf Show will be featuring product launches and promotions from top equipment brands. Booths on newly developed golf resorts, travel packages, and corporate giveaways, will also be a part of the exhibit roster.

The Philippine Turf Association is also organizing turf-related seminars during the event.

For details, please visit the event website: www.philippineinternationalgolfshow.com or call FMI at 759-6680 or 845-1324 or e-mail golfshow@fairsandmore.com.ph.

Singh, Leonard share lead; Woods survives cut

KOHLER, Wisconsin—Vijay Singh and Justin Leonard were locked in a tie for the US PGA Championship second-round lead on Friday as Tiger Woods made the halfway cut after a tense battle.

Fijian Singh, the 1998 champion at Sahalee, fired a four-under-par 68 and American Leonard a 69, the pair finishing another relatively calm day at Whistling Straits on nine-under 135.

"I feel like my game is coming around because my putting is improved," said the 41-year-old Singh, who switched back to a conventional blade from a belly putter two weeks ago.

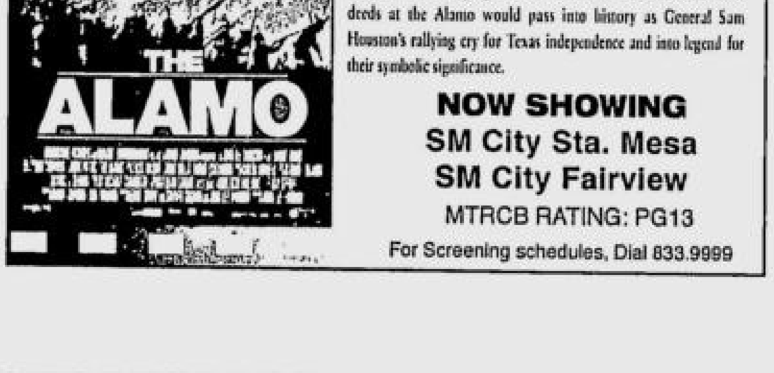
"I've been in position to win majors a lot of times since my Masters win in 2000 but I just have not finished the job yet," he said.

Leonard, the 1997 British Open king, moved into contention for a second major title with five birdies and two bogeys.

Three-time major winner Ernie Els, who had led by two with eight holes remaining, was in a tie for third place at eight under after carding a 70.

World No. 1 Woods, who opened with a three-over-par 75, birdied three of the last six holes for a 69 to finish at level-par 144 and barely avoid missing the cut for the first time in a major as a professional. He flirted with the cut line for much of the afternoon before his strong finish.

Woods has not missed the cut in a tournament since the 1997 Canadian Open, 128 events ago. *Reuters*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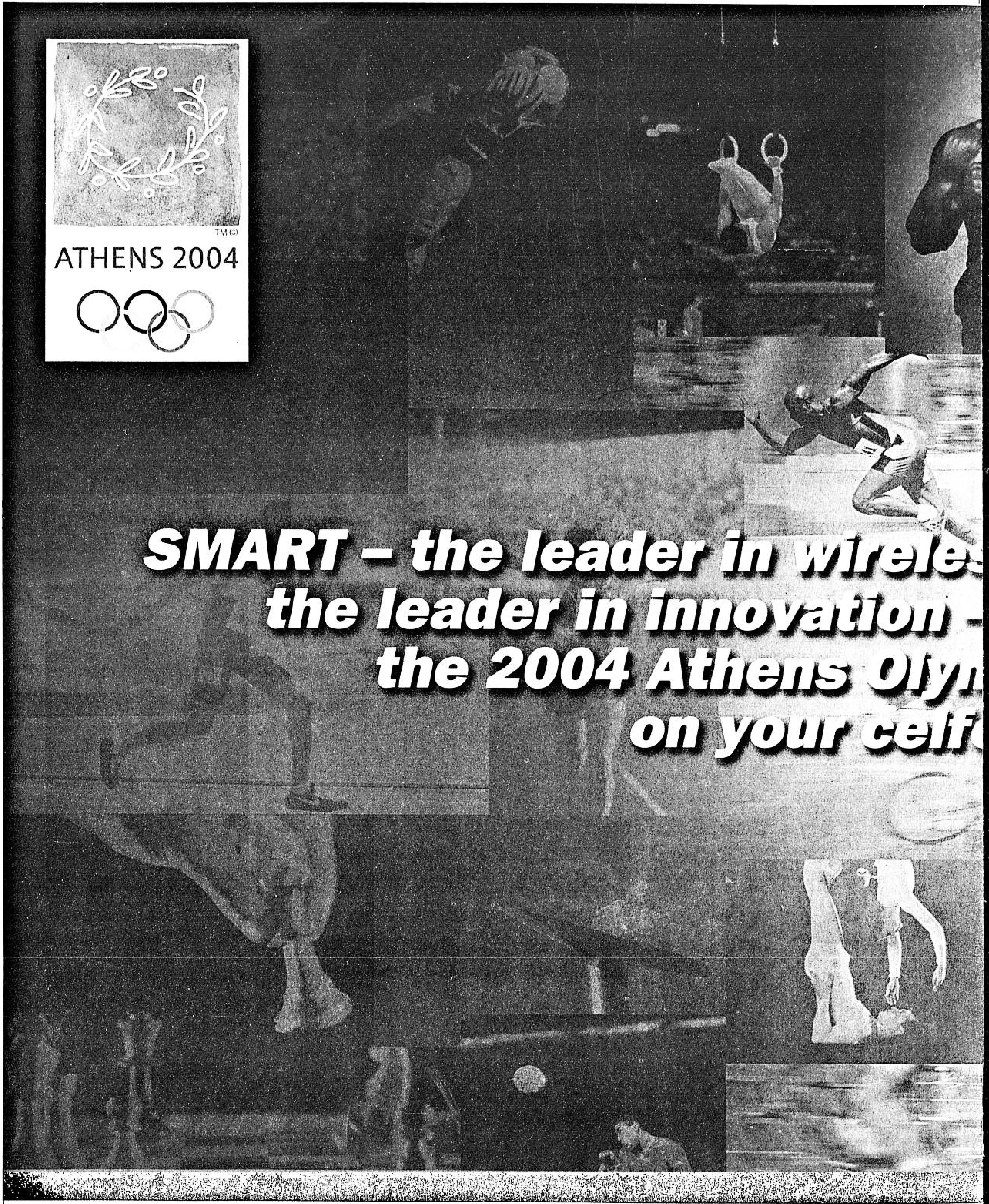

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6 RP chessers share 3rd in Italy

SIX Filipinos, led by International Masters Mark Paragua and Ronald Bancod, shared third place after the fifth round of the 8th Genova Individual International Open Chess Championships yesterday in Genova, Italy.

Paragua drew with GM Miroljub Lazic of Yugoslavia while Bancod also halved the point with IM Ramon Mateo of Dominican Republic to boost their total to 4.0 points, the same output posted by compatriots IM Yves Rañola, IM Joseph Sanchez, NM Rolando Nolte and NM-candidate Roland Salvador.

Lazic, Mateo, GM Stefan Djuric of Yugoslavia, IM Mario Lanzani, FM Daniele Genocchio and FM Flavio Guido of Italy also have the same output.

Rañola defeated FM Christopher Schinkowski of Germany, Sanchez bested Kai Kluss of Germany, Nolte subdued Roberto Griffa of Italy and Salvador upset FM Christopher Wisnewski of Germany.

Another Filipino, NM Rolly Martinez, bowed to FM Daniele Genocchio of Italy and was stuck at 3.0 points. *NM Marlon Bernardino*

Fights on TV

"SAMSUNG'S Fistorama" today features two exciting bouts in the minimum-weight and light flyweight divisions.

Felix Peña battles Archie Mejias in four rounds at 105 lbs. and Roy Jones Jr. faces Ryan Maletig in six rounds at 108 lbs. The fights were held recently at the Joe Cantada Boxing Arena in Bagumbayan, Taguig, Metro Manila.

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Derby at LPC

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A whopping cash prize of P1 million and two brand new motorcycles are up for grabs in this fund-raiser to be hosted by Mayor Nene Aguilar. Entry fee is P15,000.

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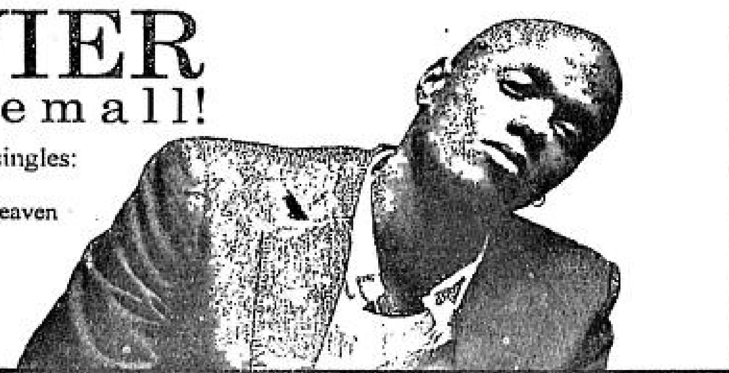

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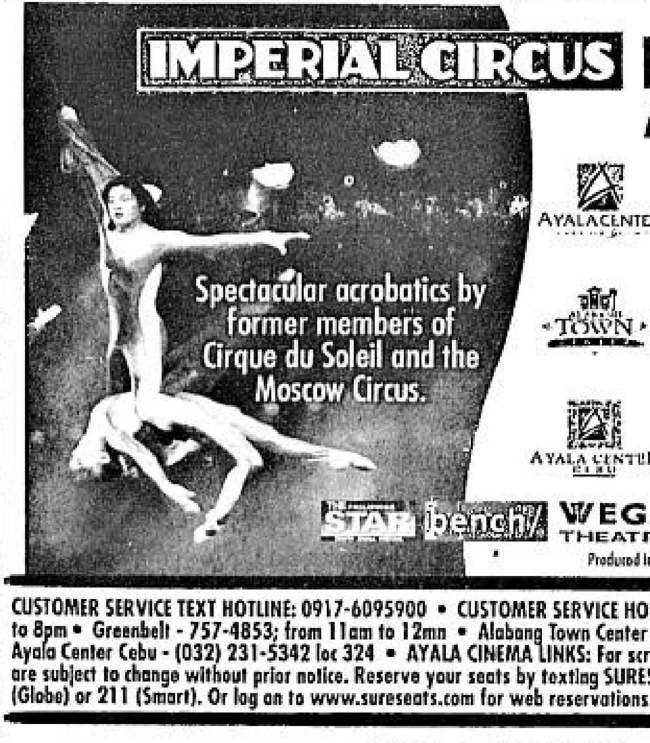
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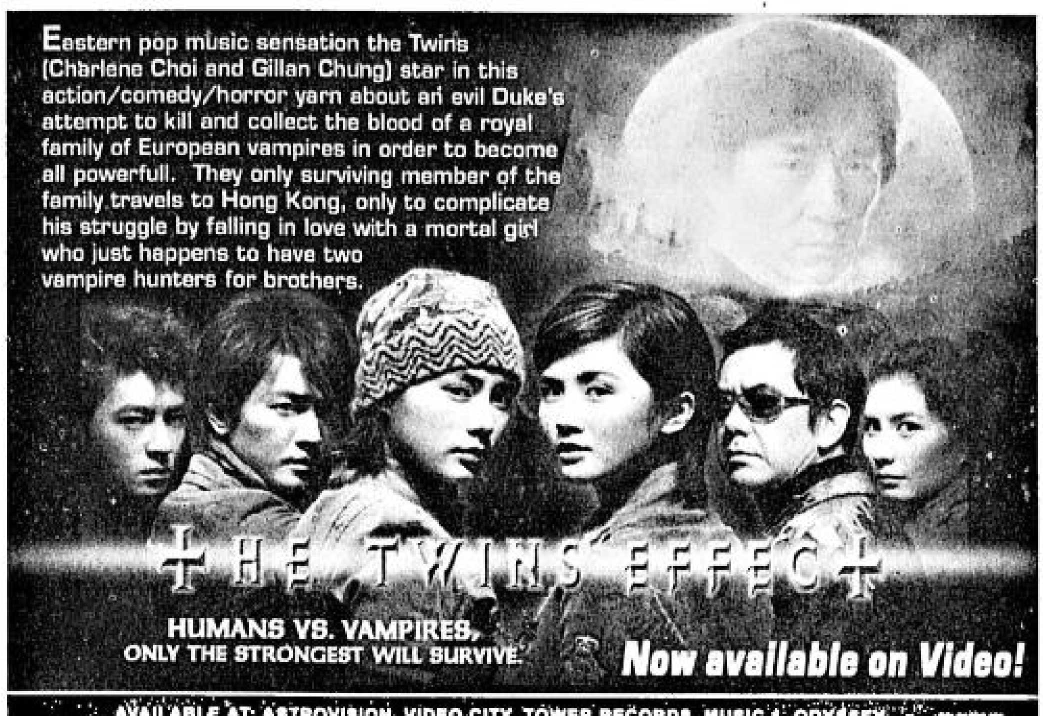

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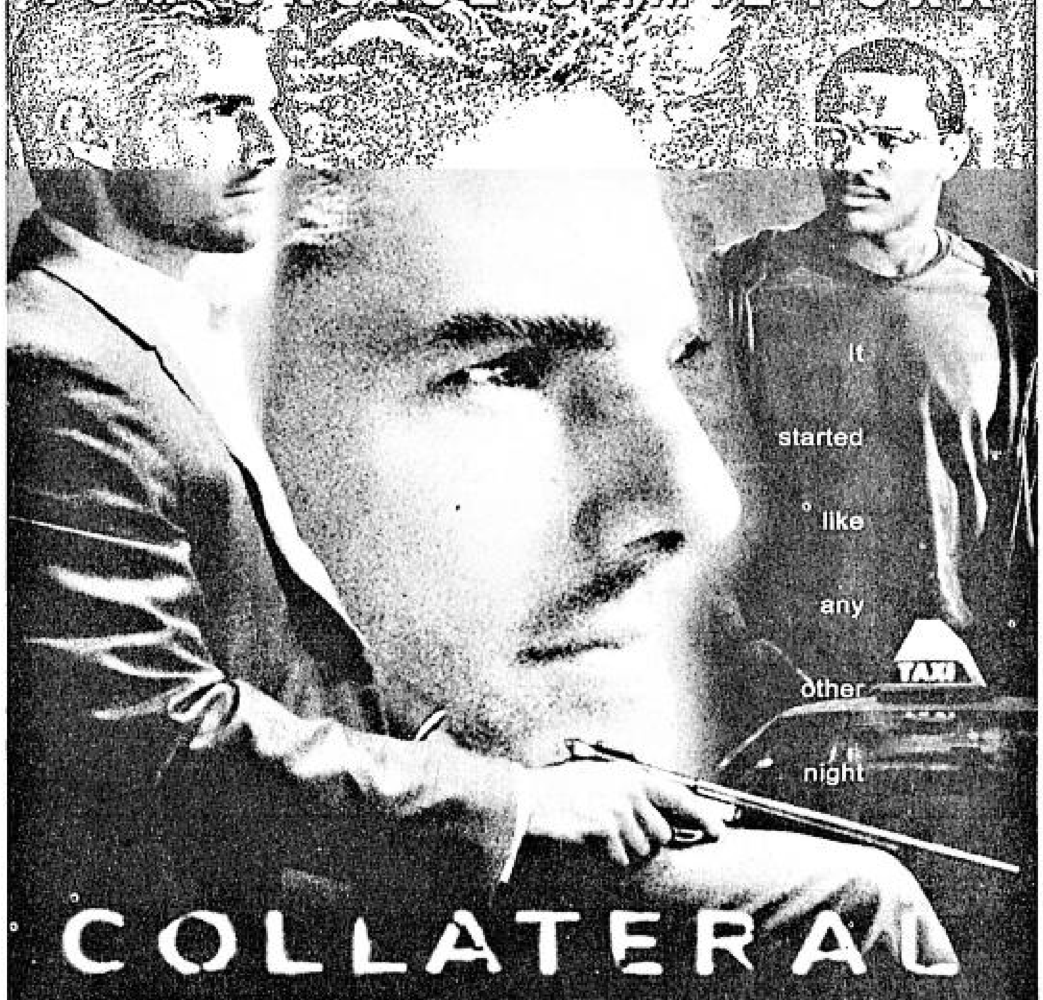
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Marikina Mayor Marides Fernando, host of the event's inaugural staging, in coordination with the Marikina City Football Association of which Fernando is chairperson, has pulled out all stops in presenting a benchmark for future hosting partnerships with the Philippine Football Federation. The Center's football stadium and other city pitches, an efficient transport system to ferry all the teams from one place to another, plus the Marikina Hotel accommodations, have been webbed to project the city as the 'football capital' in the region.

Baguio, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro/Misamis Oriental, Davao, Iligan, Laguna, Legaspi/Albay, Masbate, Negros Occidental, Oriental Mindoro, Rizal and Metro Manila are competing in the event.

Top picks are teams from the National Capital Region, Cebu, Laguna and Davao.

Cebu has central midfielder Mara Reina of Cebu International School, Julieta "the dribbler" Rosos and taekwondo-lover turned football striker Val Rafanan.

Laguna's squad will parade Karla Pacificador, MVP of the summer's Metropolitan Football League, her sister Ada, a member of the RP U-19 team, and Michelle Kuroki, the half-Japanese sweeper.

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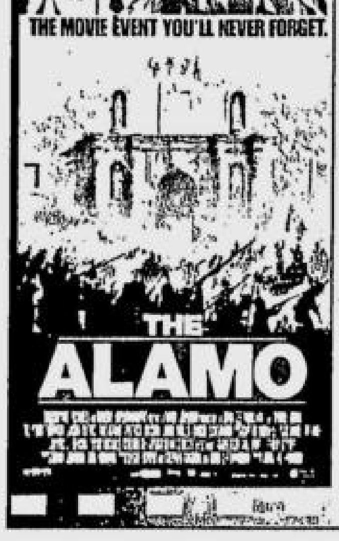
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By Margie Quimpo-Espino

SHE WAS the party girl of the '80s. Today, she is known as the Popcorn Queen.

Anna Maria Tanchanco owns Taters, the chain of popcorn and snack stand beside movie houses that adopts a sporty baseball look in red and white.

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But after 10 years of doing the night life with her husband, the two separated and Annie was left to raise her three kids on an P8,000 monthly support and proceeds from the sale of a property paid over two years.

She had no job, but she had talent. An entrepreneurial spirit came out of a need.

Annie actually wanted to be an artist. But there was no room for creativity in her family of professionals. Her father was an actuary, her mom, a chemical engineer. Her aunts and uncles were lawyers. To them, art was just not a "practical course."

Thus, she took up Economics, which she finished in three years.

In 1980, she landed a job at the Ilusorio-owned Multinational Bancorporation, which had the lowest salary offer of P2,000 a month. She took it anyway, because she felt it would give her the best training.

"It was like I was back in school. I would do a research paper, submit it and it was checked by the old man Ilusorio himself," Annie says.

An early marriage cut short her career. She wanted to pursue law but a difficult pregnancy got in the way so she quit before she even started.

After giving birth, she became a party animal, gracing all the evening events and winning most of the costume parties. That was the disco era and her husband owned the On disco along Roxas Boulevard.

A second child came all too soon, along with an obsession with fitness.

She ran, pursued tae kwon do until she was a blue belt and went to the gym twice a day. She even launched the first discorobics in Manila.

Life for Annie was fun, but the artist in her was longing for fulfillment. Her lone creative outlet was her costumes.

One time, she hired a girl to help her create beaded clothes, which she exhibited at her husband's disco. They were instant hits. The people clamored for more, but she did not know how to price her clothes.

Her clothes got the same reception when she flew to the US with two suitcases full of her beaded clothes. She visited the top night spots, like Studio 54, and she was frequently stopped by people who wanted to know where she got her clothes.

In 1986, she went to Henri Bendel, a couture line in New York, to show off her clothes. It immediately placed an order and she got as much as $600 a piece.

Fresh from the success of her first entrepreneurial venture, she set up shop in a small apartment. She augmented her innate talent with formal training in pattern making at the Parsons School of Design in New York.

She says a good dress is defined by the way a pattern is made and the cloth is cut.

Her clients included the richest Chinese in Manila, some of whom were her classmates at the fitness center she was working out in. Her label was Jonina, the Hebrew word for Love and the name of her youngest child and only daughter. But the business was not mass-based.

"I never wanted to mass produce the dresses," she says.

Knowing however that there is a market for mass based products, Annie took the advice of a friend who showed her Case Logic, the famous line of CD and cassette tape cases.

In 1988, she sourced materials and sewers and came up with Ikaha, supplying Landmark, Odyssey, Rustans. But it was not long before China went into the same business and she had no choice but to stop production.

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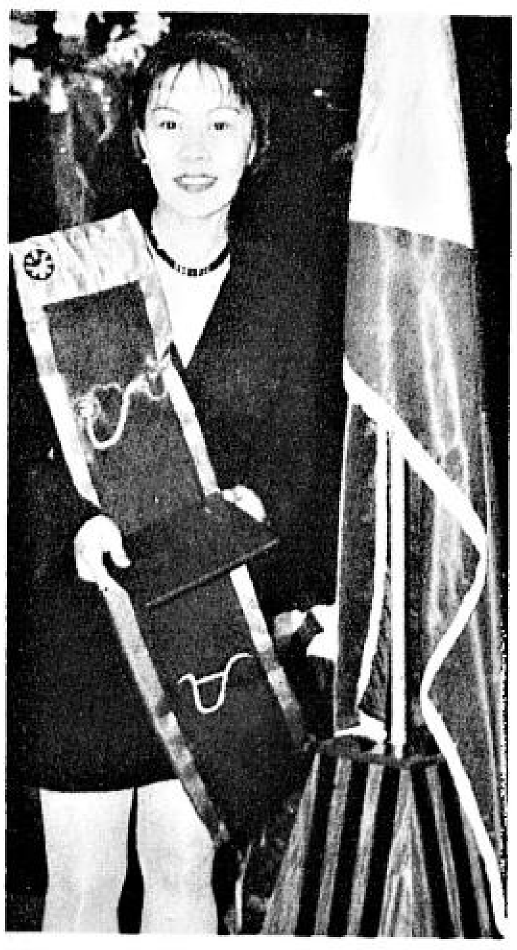

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Hits and misses before joining the major leagues

From page B1

When she and Sonny called it quits in 1991, Annie says she had nothing left except Jonina and it was not a regular source of income. For a while she had to join bazaars just to sell the leftovers of her Ikaha.

That same year, she invested in a food business called Mr. Crispee via the Elman Food Industries, using her own money.

Instead of being her ticket to success, Mr. Crispee led her to near bankruptcy. Elman closed shop and she never got her money back.

Her father came to help and convinced her to help him in his real estate projects. Annie says she tried, and even passed the broker's licensing exam, but she really did not like what she was doing.

By 1994, she was desperate to find a steady source of income.

Taters
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TATERS first store in Greenbelt Square Cinema

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AT THE height of her party days, Annie would wear costumes that always won her the top awards.

She again turned to her father for help in getting a commercial space in the Ayala commercial center.

She had no idea what to do or what to sell, but she thought it was a good opportunity.

She was given an 8.5-square-meter space near the Greenbelt (1) cinemas. Since it was near the movie houses, she thought of selling popcorn and nuts that she and her kids love to eat when watching movies.

The popular snack food then was Potato Corner, the chain of flavored French fries.

She experimented with her own kind of fries, and after that she worked on the look of her shop.

"I wanted something that looks American to play on the Filipino's colonial mentality. I created a designer popcorn store," Annie recalls.

Along with the popcorn came other snacks that Americans usually bought at baseball games.

Coming up with a catchy name came next.

She gathered her family for dinner and asked them to suggest names. It was her father who suggested Taters, which is slang for potatoes. She immediately drew the name and thought of the color scheme.

In keeping with the baseball look, she used stripes in red and white.

One week before opening, she hosted a a flavored popcorn party. The most popular was the popcorn in sour cream and chives.

Annie knew she hit the grand slam when long queues greeted Taters when it opened. As if to make up for her failed businesses, she got back her investment in Taters in just three months.

"I never counted so much money in my life. Sales reached P30,000 to P40,000 a day," she says.

The clamor for her products prompted her to expand her space to 20 square meters. Rent a month in 1994 was P10,000 per square meter, so Taters was paying P200,000 in monthly rent.

But it was not success all the way.

At first, nobody wanted to give her space in other malls. When they did, they dictated the products she could sell. Then she fell prey to overexpansion, operating as many as 20 stores at one time.

Annie admits these were costly mistakes. She opened in malls which were not her market. She finally concentrated on her niche, which was the A-B crowd.

Unfazed by failed ventures, she went into selling vegetarian food, via Chimara.

"Chimara is my legacy," Annie says. "It's a business that can mean something. It is dedicated to something good in the future."

Chimara struggled for six months after it opened at the Greenbelt 3 cinemas.

Its fortunes turned, and she now expects to get a return on her investment this year. A second shop is also in the works.

Today, there are seven Taters outlets, most of which are joint ventures between Taters and investors.

Annie says she is finalizing her TQM system in preparation for her expansion in Asia.

Expansion outside the Philippines will mark the second decade of Taters Enterprises Inc.

Taters turns 10 years this August and Annie will celebrate this with the Decada awards which will recognize the 10 top grossing films of the past 10 years and Taters business partners.

Annie knows she has joined the big leagues when Ayala gave her a spot in Glorietta IV where multinational food and coffee shops are.

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Engaging the Hearts and Minds of Our Young Filipino Workers

Label speaks candidly about Pinoy jazz artists

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

LOCAL artists Mishka Adams, Isha and Enrique Marcos will soon join the ranks of internationally renowned jazz vocalists Stacey Kent, Monica Vasconselos and Jamie Cullum.

This is the fervent dream of Nieves Pascua-Bates, who runs independent jazz record label Candid Records, together with her husband, Alan, from their headquarters in the United Kingdom.

ENRIQUE Marcos

ISHA

MISHKA Adams

NIEVES and Alan Bates with daughter Sheela

Although international stardom continues to elude Filipino artists, Bates is unfazed, saying she will always bet on the prospects of Filipinos hitting it big in the jazz circuit abroad.

"If we feel that the artist has that X factor, we will sign them up. And so far, we have been successful in spotting those talents," Bates says.

Candid Records' stable of talents include American vocalist Stacey Kent, named BBC Jazz Singer of the Year, known for her classic interpretation of the Great American Songbook; her husband, saxophonist Jim Tomlinson, and so-called "Sinatra in Sneakers," Jamie Cullum.

Bates says bringing Filipino artists to the forefront of the international recording scene is part of her mission to get the foreign listeners to hear and appreciate the Filipinos' famed brand of music genius.

This from a Pangasinan native who was a stranger to jazz and its sister musical forms, until she met her husband.

"I was not interested in it myself because it was all instrumental. But later, I realized that it could have vocals as well. I soon got hooked on it," she says.

That musical appreciation became the foundation of the Bates' Candid Records, which has established a reputation as the primary label for jazz recordings—the UK equivalent of Verve or Blue Note records of the United States.

Candid Records actually traces its beginnings to New York City in 1960, specializing in modern and mainstream jazz, blues, Latin and world jazz. Its catalog includes recordings by such legends as Charles Mingus, Abbey Lincoln, Cecil Taylor, Booker Little, Coleman Hawkins and Eric Dolphy. Unfortunately, it closed shop in 1961 due to some financial difficulties.

Its priceless catalog gathered dust for decades, until 1986, when the Bates, through their London-based firm Black Lion Productions, bought the company.

Alan and Nieves, together with music professionals, breathed new life into the vintage recordings and issued remastered versions of the instrumental classics by the forgotten jazz greats.

In 1989, the new and improved Candid Records resumed recording and started gathering a new set of talents.

Alan manages the production side of the business, while Nieves takes care of the operations, including the finance and human resources.

Candid Records struck gold when it signed up Stacey Kent in 1996.

Other record companies must be kicking themselves because Kent actually submitted her demo tape to other firms before Candid Records snatched her up.

"It actually took us a little while to sign her up because we did not listen to her tape immediately. But when we did, we knew we had a winner," she says.

Bates expresses the same enthusiasm for the Filipino artists, whose albums should be out in the market later this year or early next year.

"We are proud to say that Candid Records is becoming known again in the circuit and is seen as an important label. We want it to become the breeding ground of good artists, including our own," Bates says.

She says Candid Records now receives demo tapes from all over the world, and this time, she listens, as she is more confident in her ability to spot winners.

For her, jazz tops all kinds of music.

"It is wonderful because it provides smooth, easy listening. It appeals to anyone," Bates says.

And by the time she and her husband fulfill their mission to take Candid Records "as far as it can go," she wants CDs by Filipino artists to be on top of any jazz lover's listening list.

New payment scheme for QC housing dev't

TO MEET market demand, a new payment scheme has been rolled out for The Legacy at Montgomery Place along E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue in Quezon City. The in-house scheme requires a 10 percent down payment, 19 monthly amortizations and a 70-percent balloon payment from the buyer after the monthly amortizations.

The balloon payment can be financed through the bank if the buyer chooses and will be due when the unit becomes ready for occupancy.

With this new scheme, Ayala Land Inc., the developers, hope to sell the remaining single-detached units by yearend.

ALI reports that since the development was launched last June, more than 50 percent of the 27 units in Tranche 1 had already been sold. All sales were on cash or deferred cash basis only.

The zero-interest in-house deferred payment scheme requires a 30 percent down payment and 20 monthly amortizations, with the final monthly amortization due just when the unit becomes ready for occupancy.

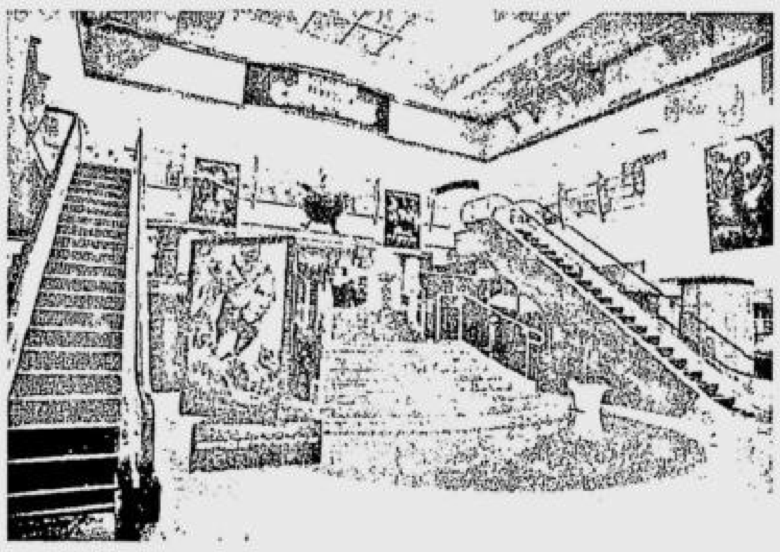
The maximum 8 percent discount is enjoyed by the buyer who makes full payment within 30 days, and a discount of 6 percent is extended if full payment is made from 31 to 60 days. Financing schemes that suit the buyers can also be arranged with banks such as BPI-Family and Banco de Oro.

The Legacy at Montgomery Place is a pocket residential development of ALI. It is minutes away from Manila, Greenhills, and the Ortigas area and is accessible by public transportation.

Two model units dressed up by the country's top interior designers, Atelier Almario and WV Coscolluela & Associates, can be viewed during the themed open houses that are held regularly. With just a limited number of units left, interested buyers are entertained on a first come, first served basis.

Inspired by the so-called "cracker architecture" of houses in southern United States, the units in The Legacy follow the split-level concept that provides maximum room and space.

The target market is businessmen in their 30s to early 60s who have been living in Quezon City. Maintenance of the entire development is provided by the Ayala Property Management Corp. *(For inquiries, call 848-5000)*



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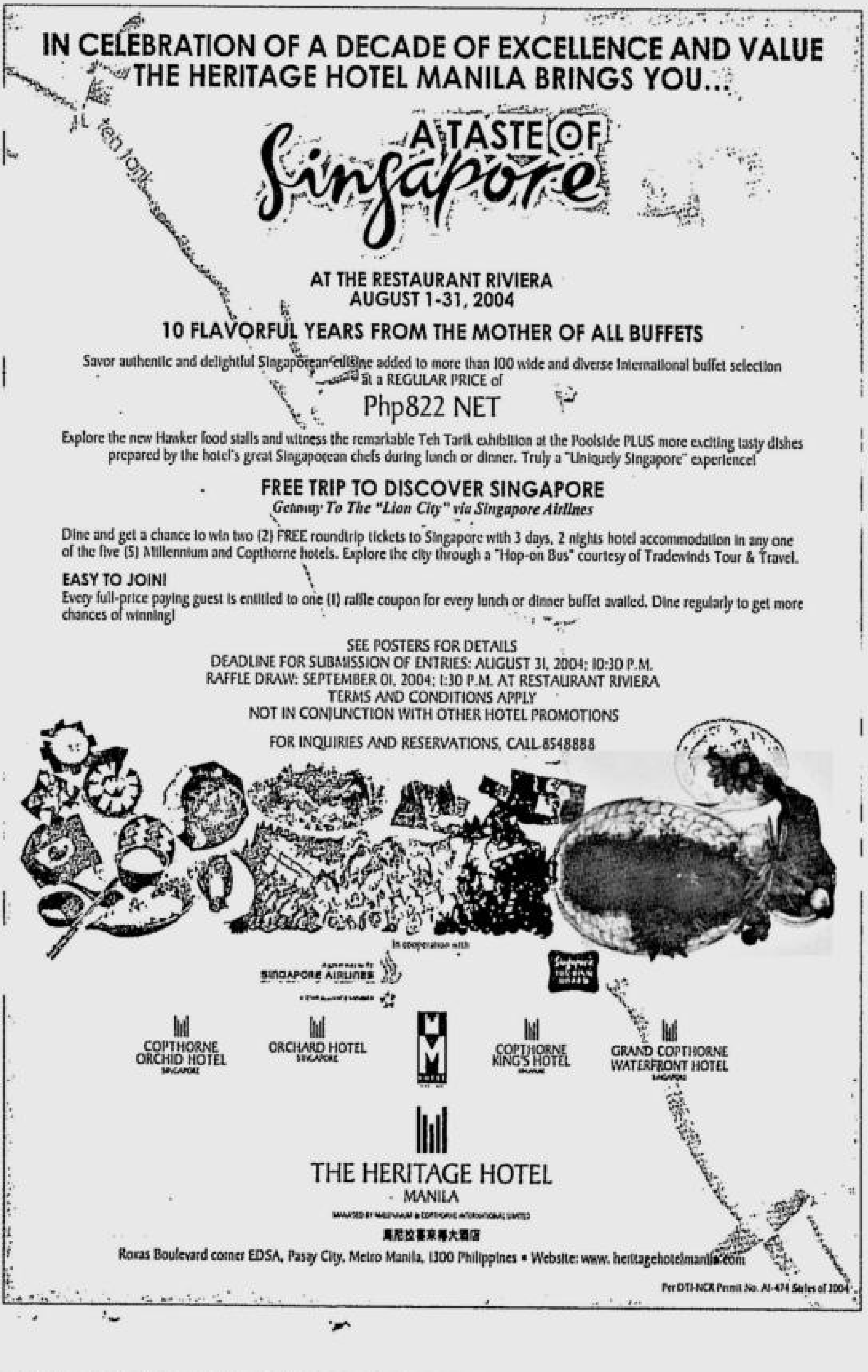

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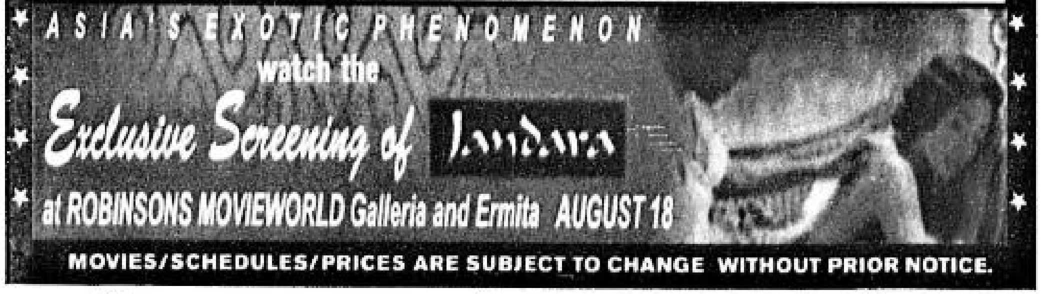
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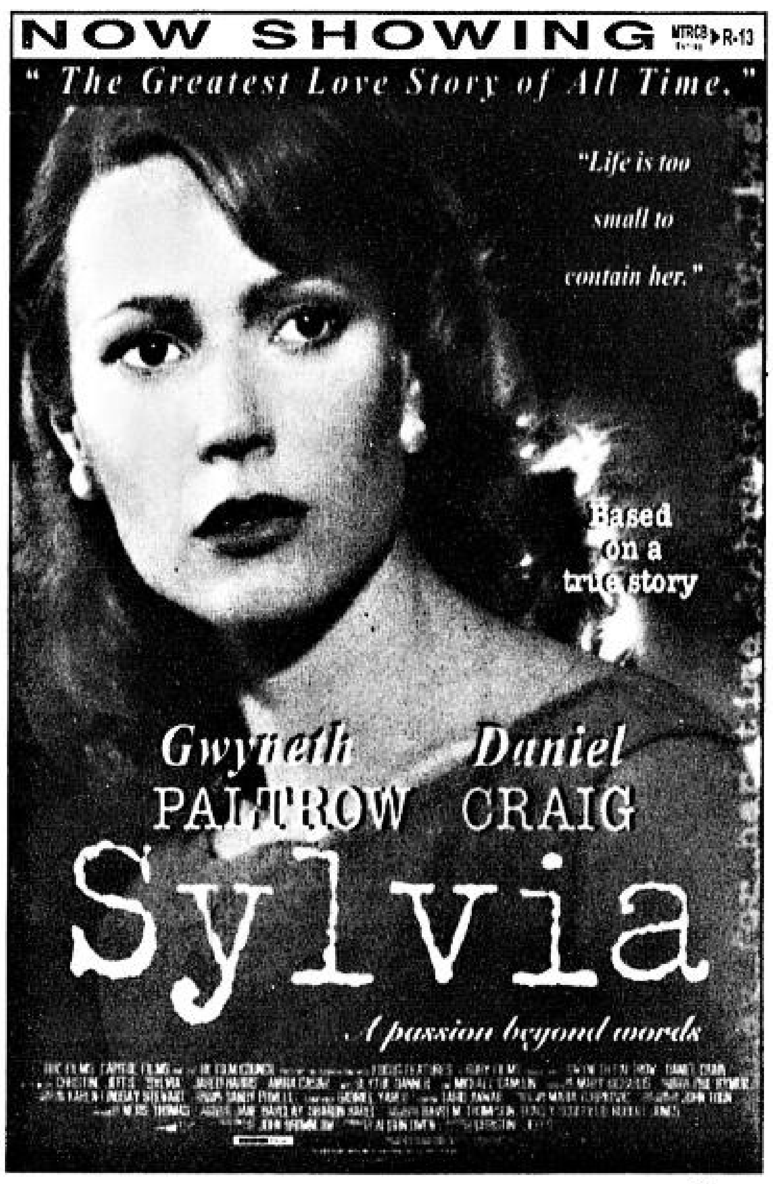
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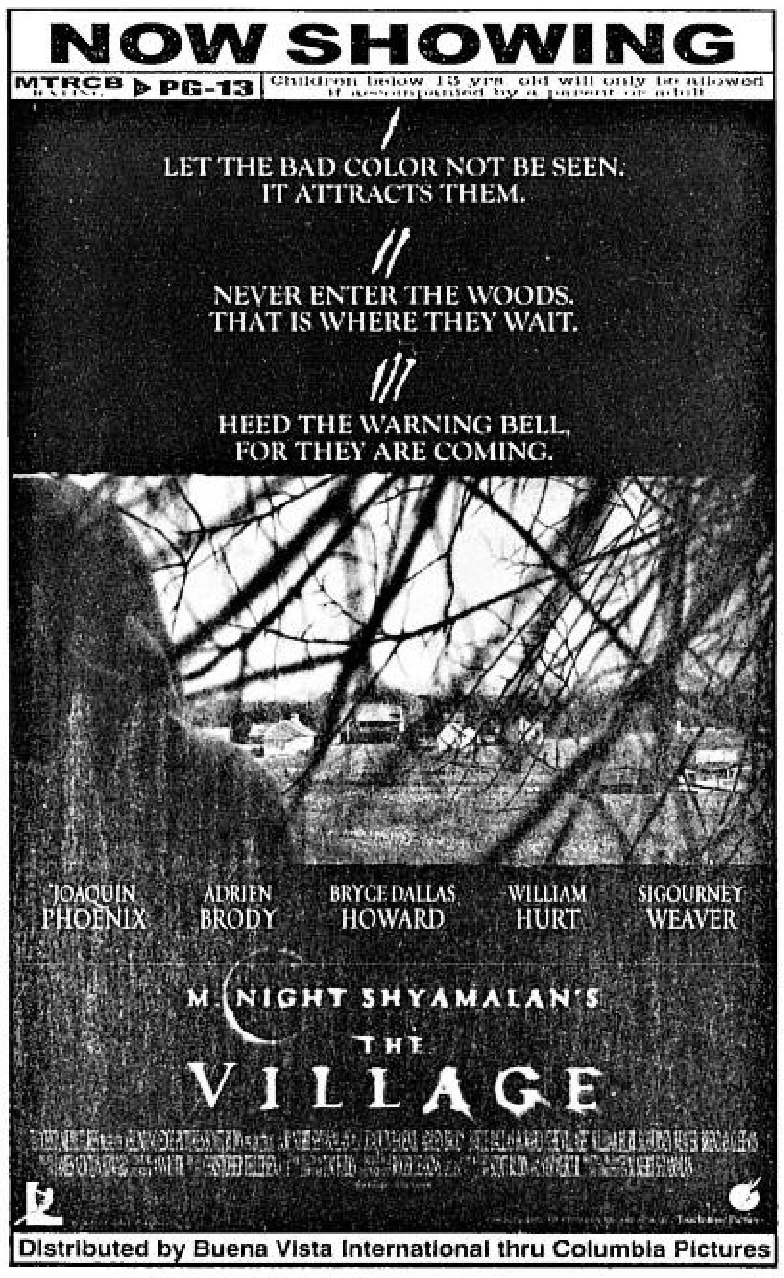
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LET THE BAD COLOR NOT BE SEEN.
IT ATTRACTS THEM.
II
NEVER ENTER THE WOODS.
THAT IS WHERE THEY WAIT.
III
HEED THE WARNING BELL,
FOR THEY ARE COMING.
JOAQUIN PHOENIX
ADRIEN BRODY
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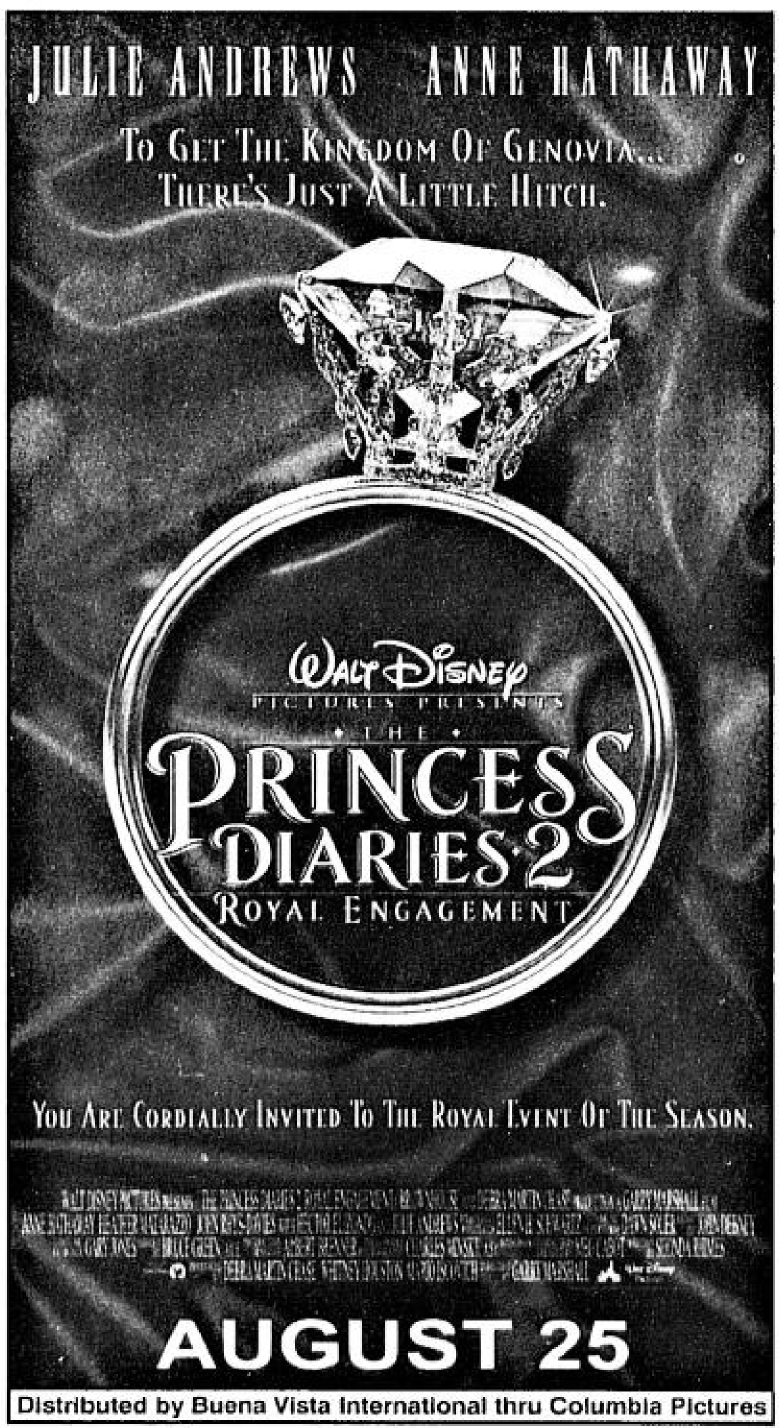
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TO GET THE KINGDOM OF GENOVIA...
THERE'S JUST A LITTLE HITCH.
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THE PRINCESS DIARIES 2
ROYAL ENGAGEMENT
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE ROYAL EVENT OF THE SEASON.
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Bits & Clips

New burger Mcdo only P20

MCDONALD'S introduces the new mesquite flavor BBQ burger McDo in addition to P20 McDo value treats in McDonald's restaurants nationwide. The new advertisement will feature the indulgent new burger McDo flavor, reinforcing affordability; and will also showcase the whole array of P20 McDo Value Treats strengthening McDonald's image as a good value restaurant.

Arellano High '48 Welcome Party

PANGILINAN

A WELCOME Back Home Party will be tendered by Batch '48 of the Arellano High School (Manila North) for its class president, Bienvenido Pangilinan, former Inquirer president, today at lunch time. The affair will be held at the residence of class treasurer Virgie Iligan-Hernandez at 154 Katipunan Avenue, Quezon City. Class members are enjoined to attend this fellowship and reunion. Pangilinan recently returned home together with his wife after a 5-month stay at Toronto, Canada. For particulars, call Taling Javier at 419-7330, Ludy Espinosa-Tesalona or Lettie Gimena at 493-0206.

Araneta Center

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

ALI MALL CINEPLEX

Cinema	Sound	Movie	Times
3	Dolby	NOW THAT I HAVE YOU	10:30 am 12:30 pm 2:30 pm 4:30 pm 6:30 pm 8:30 pm
4	SDDS	COLLATERAL	12:00 nn 2:16 pm 4:30 pm 6:45 pm 9:00 pm
5	dts	THE VILLAGE	12:10 pm 2:25 pm 4:40 pm 6:55 pm 9:10 pm
6	Dolby	KA-RELASYON	12:05 pm 2:15 pm 4:25 pm 6:35 pm 8:45 pm
7	Dolby	CINDERELLA STORY	12:25 pm 2:35 pm 4:45 pm 6:55 pm 9:05 pm

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ARANETA COLISEUM

Date	Event
Aug 15	CCF WORSHIP SERVICE
Aug 18	BENCH Fashion Show
Aug 21	AVON Sales Convention
Aug 22	UAAP : Ateneo vs. La Salle
Aug 27	CUSA OPENING CEREMONIES

For tickets, call TicketNet at 911-5555

THEATER MOVIE GUIDE

MANILA	
EASTERN	
MAXIM	CLOSED
MIRAMAR	SEX BOMB / RAMPADORA
ODEON	X-MEN 2
ODEON-2	BUKID AY BASA / KASIBULAN
ROBEN	BOLD STAR
TANDEM-1	SUGAT
TANDEM-2	KATAWAN MO LANGIT KO
TIMES	SPY / LEGEND OF CROCODILE
QUEZON CITY	
ACT-1	SENSUAL ISLAND
ACT-2	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
ACT-3	ORIGINAL SIN
ACT-4	HANGGANG KAILAN KA PAPATAY
CORONET A	KARELASYON
CORONET B	A MAN APART
QUEZON-1	BERTUD NG PUTIK
REMAR	X-MEN 2
REMAR-2	BOLD STAR
NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA	
A	NOW THAT I HAVE YOU
B	CLOSED
C	
MANDALUYONG CITY	
SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL	635-20-79 / 633-78-51 TO 70
CINEMA 1, 2, 3 & 4	GARFIELD / COLLATERAL / THE VILLAGE/CINDERELLA
PREMIERE THEATRE	SYLVIA
CAINTA RIZAL	
STA. LUCIA EAST	(681-5401 TO 19)
CINEMA-1	NOW THAT I HAVE YOU
CINEMA-2	KARELASYON
CINEMA-3	KING ARTHUR
CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	I. ROBOT
CINEMA-5 (DTS)	ELLA ENCHANTED
CINEMA-6	MAKAMUNDO
CINEMA-7	CATWOMAN
CINEMA-8	IMELDA
CINEMA-9 (DTS)	COLLATERAL
CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	THE VILLAGE
CINEMA-11 (SDDS)	CINDERELLA STORY
CINEMA-12	GARFIELD
CINEMA-14	DEAD PEOPLE
CINEMA-15	NOW THAT I HAVE YOU
LORES	
CINEMA-2	SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-3	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT

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(LAS PINAS)	SPIDERMAN 2
CINEMA-1	LADY KILLERS
CINEMA-2	I ROBOT
CINEMA-4	RESERVED
UNIWIDE COASTAL MALL	
(PARAÑAQUE)	SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-1	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
CINEMA-2	MEN IN BLACK II
CINEMA-4	SELDA

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PMA calls nominations for 25th Agora Awards

THE PHILIPPINE Marketing Association (PMA) is inviting nominees to the Agora Awards, which is given to outstanding companies organizations or individuals that have made significant contributions to the growth of marketing in the country. The Agora Awards continues to highlight and reward Filipino ingenuity and innovation in the field of marketing. It also represents the pinnacle of marketing achievement for its awardees. This year's theme is "Marketing Renaissance". Deadline for submission is on Aug. 15. Interested parties may contact the secretariat: Unit 1006-A, 10th floor, West Tower, PSE Center, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City; tel. nos. 634-5722; 634-4890 c/o Lira Ligero or fax at 636-1451 or visit www.pma.philonline.com.

PAP sets 13th annual confab

IN CONNECTION with its anniversary, the Perinatal Association of the Philippines Inc (PAP), will hold its 13th annual convention with the theme "Integrating Options in Perinatal Care" from Sept. 21 to 22, at the Century Park Sheraton Hotel. The organizing committee has prepared selected programs and topics that will tackle innovations and critical issues in maternal, fetal and neonatal health as well as controversies, current trends and updates in perinatal medicines. A workshop is also prepared on "Partograph" for the participants specifically for nurses and midwives. An annual business meeting will be held on the second day of the convention. Pre-registration for the convention will be accepted until Aug. 15 or you can register on-site at Century Park Sheraton during the convention. For particulars, contact the PAP secretariat, Ma. Pilar Larrochea at telefax 925-3538 or email at perinatal@pacific.com.ph.

MasterCard promo

SEVERAL lucky MasterCard cardholders have already won an extensive array of high-end gadgetry and home entertainment packages in the most lifestyle-enhancing raffle draw from MasterCard, the MasterCard Priceless Upgrade promo. Many more lifestyle packages are set to be given away in its third monthly draw. To join, charge your purchases to your MasterCard or MasterCard Electronic cards. Purchases on your MasterCard must be made between April 11 to Aug. 15 to be considered valid for promotion. Every P1,000 purchases in a single receipt qualifies as a raffle entry. A P5,000 purchase, for example, will generate 5 raffle entries. To enroll your entries and participate in the promotion, call the MasterCard Promotion Hotline numbers 914-1100 or 689-1000 in Metro Manila, or 1-800-107-250-000 for toll-free provincial calls. Register your 16-digit MasterCard card number, the full transaction amount in pesos, and the transaction date and time as stated in your valid sales slips to generate electronic reference numbers that serve as raffle entries. You may also email the information to mastercard@lisa.com. The grand raffle draw will be held on Aug. 30. One lucky participant will win P1 million to be credited to the winning MasterCard card.

Panasonic scholarship recipients

ON AUG. 27, at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Matsushita Electric Phils Corp (the Panasonic Scholarship office in the Philippines) will be awarding 3 recipients of the Panasonic Scholarship for Master's Course in Japan. This is already the fifth batch of scholars that has been granted the program. In this program, scholars will receive arrival allowance, monthly allowance, tuition fee assistance, and matriculation assistance for 3 years of study as research and masters student in their selected university in Japan. The recipients of the program who will be leaving for Japan in March 2005 are: Lino Superficial, 25 years old, from Bacolod City, a graduate of BS Electronics and Communications Engineering at the Technological University of Philippines; Katrina Mona Santiago, 22 years old, from Maasin, Southern Leyte, a graduate of BS Chemistry at the Ateneo De Manila University; Wesley Clark Uy, 23 years old, from New Manila Quezon City, a graduate of BS Manufacturing Engineering and Management at De La Salle University.

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1 GARFIELD
FS 12:15 pm, 2:25 pm, 4:35 pm, 6:45 pm. LMF 8:55 pm (GP)

2 COLLATERAL
FS 11:20 am, 2:00 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:20 pm, LMF 10:00 pm (R-13)

3 THE VILLAGE
FS 12:45 pm, 3:20 pm, 5:55 pm. LMF : 8:40 pm (PG - 13)

4 A CINDERELLA STORY
FS 12:15 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:45pm, 7:00 pm LMF : 9:15 pm (GP)

PREMIERE THEATRE
SYLVIA
FS : 12:15 pm, 2:25 pm, 4:35 pm, 6:45 pm, LMF ; 8:55 pm (R - 13)

For more information please call
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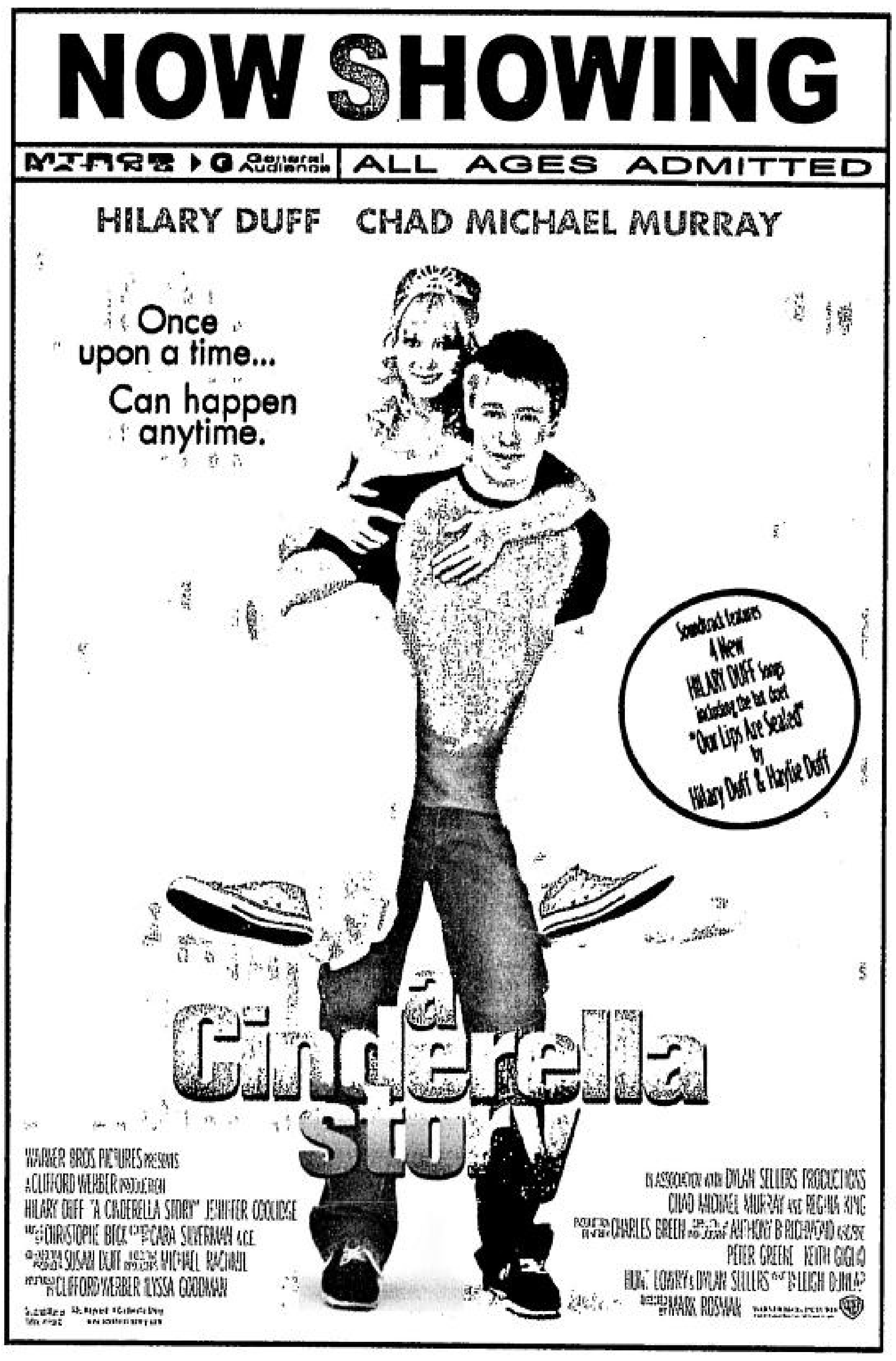

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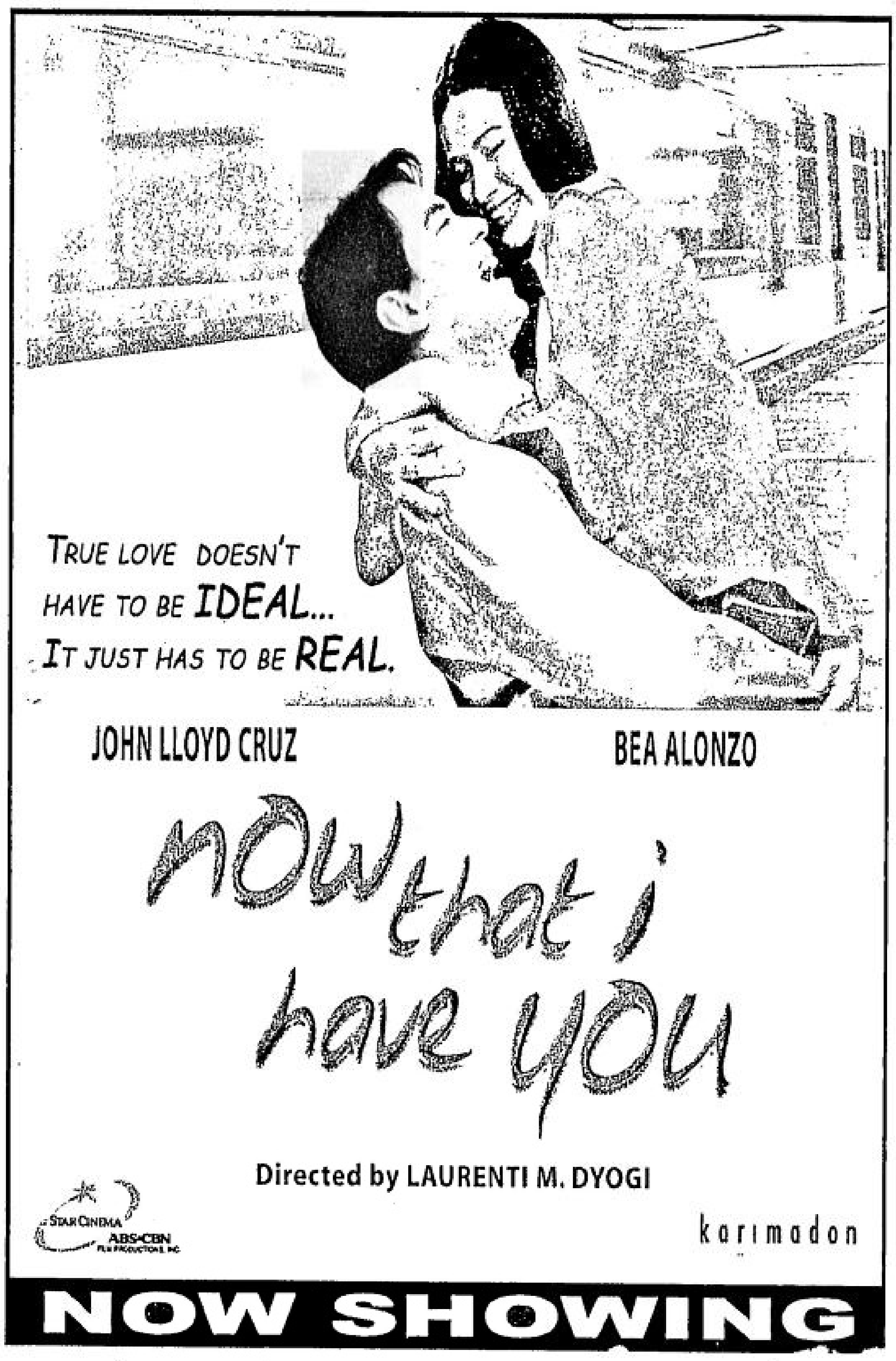

TRUE LOVE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE IDEAL... IT JUST HAS TO BE REAL.

JOHN LLOYD CRUZ BEA ALONZO

now that i have you

Directed by LAURENTI M. DYOGI

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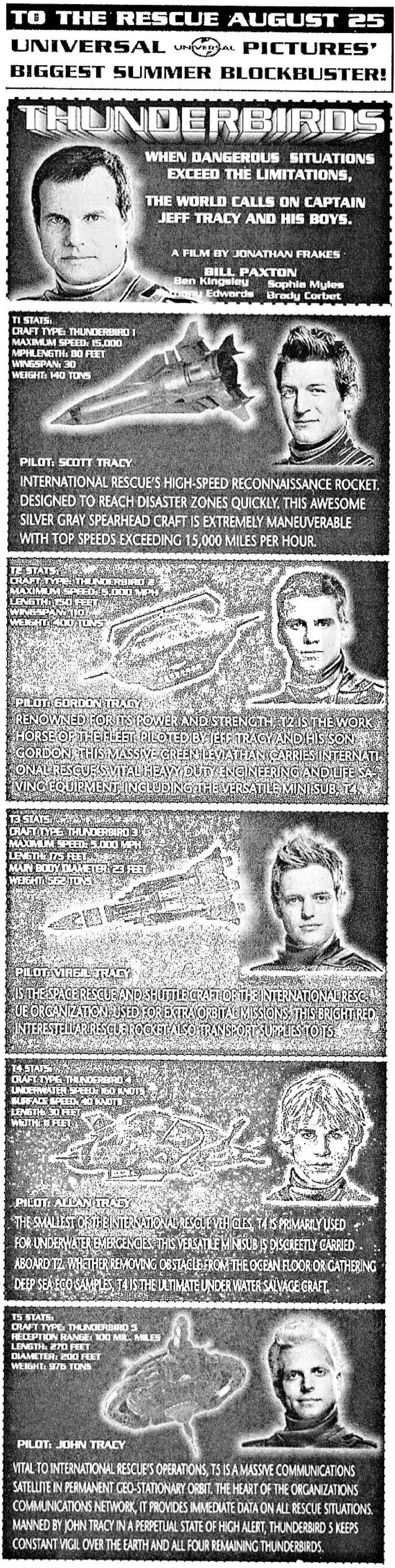

TO THE RESCUE AUGUST 25
UNIVERSAL PICTURES' BIGGEST SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER!

THUNDERBIRDS

WHEN DANGEROUS SITUATIONS EXCEED THE LIMITATIONS,
THE WORLD CALLS ON CAPTAIN JEFF TRACY AND HIS BOYS.

A FILM BY JONATHAN FRAKES
BILL PAXTON
Ben Kingsley Sophia Myles
Anthony Edwards Brady Corbet

T1 STATS:
CRAFT TYPE: THUNDERBIRD 1
MAXIMUM SPEED: 15,000
MPHLENGTH: 80 FEET
WINGSPAN: 30
WEIGHT: 140 TONS

PILOT: SCOTT TRACY
INTERNATIONAL RESCUE'S HIGH-SPEED RECONNAISSANCE ROCKET. DESIGNED TO REACH DISASTER ZONES QUICKLY. THIS AWESOME SILVER GRAY SPEARHEAD CRAFT IS EXTREMELY MANEUVERABLE WITH TOP SPEEDS EXCEEDING 15,000 MILES PER HOUR.

T2 STATS:
CRAFT TYPE: THUNDERBIRD 2
MAXIMUM SPEED: 5,000 MPH
LENGTH: 150 FEET
WINGSPAN: 110
WEIGHT: 400 TONS

PILOT: GORDON TRACY
RENOWNED FOR ITS POWER AND STRENGTH, T2 IS THE WORK HORSE OF THE FLEET. PILOTED BY JEFF TRACY AND HIS SON GORDON, THIS MASSIVE GREEN LEVIATHAN CARRIES INTERNATIONAL RESCUE'S VITAL HEAVY DUTY ENGINEERING AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE VERSATILE MINI SUB, T4.

T3 STATS:
CRAFT TYPE: THUNDERBIRD 3
MAXIMUM SPEED: 5,000 MPH
LENGTH: 175 FEET
MAIN BODY DIAMETER: 23 FEET
WEIGHT: 562 TONS

PILOT: VIRGIL TRACY
IS THE SPACE RESCUE AND SHUTTLE CRAFT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION. USED FOR EXTRA ORBITAL MISSIONS. THIS BRIGHT RED INTERESTELLAR RESCUE ROCKET ALSO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES TO T5.

T4 STATS:
CRAFT TYPE: THUNDERBIRD 4
UNDERWATER SPEED: 160 KNOTS
SURFACE SPEED: 40 KNOTS
LENGTH: 30 FEET
WIDTH: 8 FEET

PILOT: ALLAN TRACY
THE SMALLEST OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE VEHICLES, T4 IS PRIMARILY USED FOR UNDERWATER EMERGENCIES. THIS VERSATILE MINISUB IS DISCREETLY CARRIED ABOARD T2. WHETHER REMOVING OBSTACLE FROM THE OCEAN FLOOR OR GATHERING DEEP SEA ECO SAMPLES, T4 IS THE ULTIMATE UNDER WATER SALVAGE CRAFT.

T5 STATS:
CRAFT TYPE: THUNDERBIRD 5
RECEPTION RANGE: 100 MIL. MILES
LENGTH: 270 FEET
DIAMETER: 200 FEET
WEIGHT: 976 TONS

PILOT: JOHN TRACY
VITAL TO INTERNATIONAL RESCUE'S OPERATIONS, T5 IS A MASSIVE COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE IN PERMANENT GEO-STATIONARY ORBIT. THE HEART OF THE ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, IT PROVIDES IMMEDIATE DATA ON ALL RESCUE SITUATIONS. MANNED BY JOHN TRACY IN A PERPETUAL STATE OF HIGH ALERT, THUNDERBIRD 5 KEEPS CONSTANT VIGIL OVER THE EARTH AND ALL FOUR REMAINING THUNDERBIRDS.

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CINEMA 2	**THEVILLAGE** 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 **P13**	

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3	**GARFIELD** 10:50, 12:55, 3:10 5:15, 7:25, 10:00 GP
4	**COLLATERAL** 11:00, 1:40, 4:20 7:00, 10:00 R-13

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GARFIELD **GP** 12:00,1:45,3:30, 5:20,7:10,9:00	**CINDERELLA STORY** **GP** 12:00,2:00,4:00, 6:00,8.00,10:00	**NOW THAT I HAVE YOU** **GP** 12:20,2:45,5.10,7:35,10:00
COLLATERAL **R13** 11:50,2:25,5:00,7:35,10:10	**ETERNAL SUNSHINE** **R13** 1:10,3:20,5:30,7:40,9:50	**THE VILLAGE** **PG13** 12:40,3:05,5.30,7:55,10:20

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More Movies on page A25, A28 and A29.

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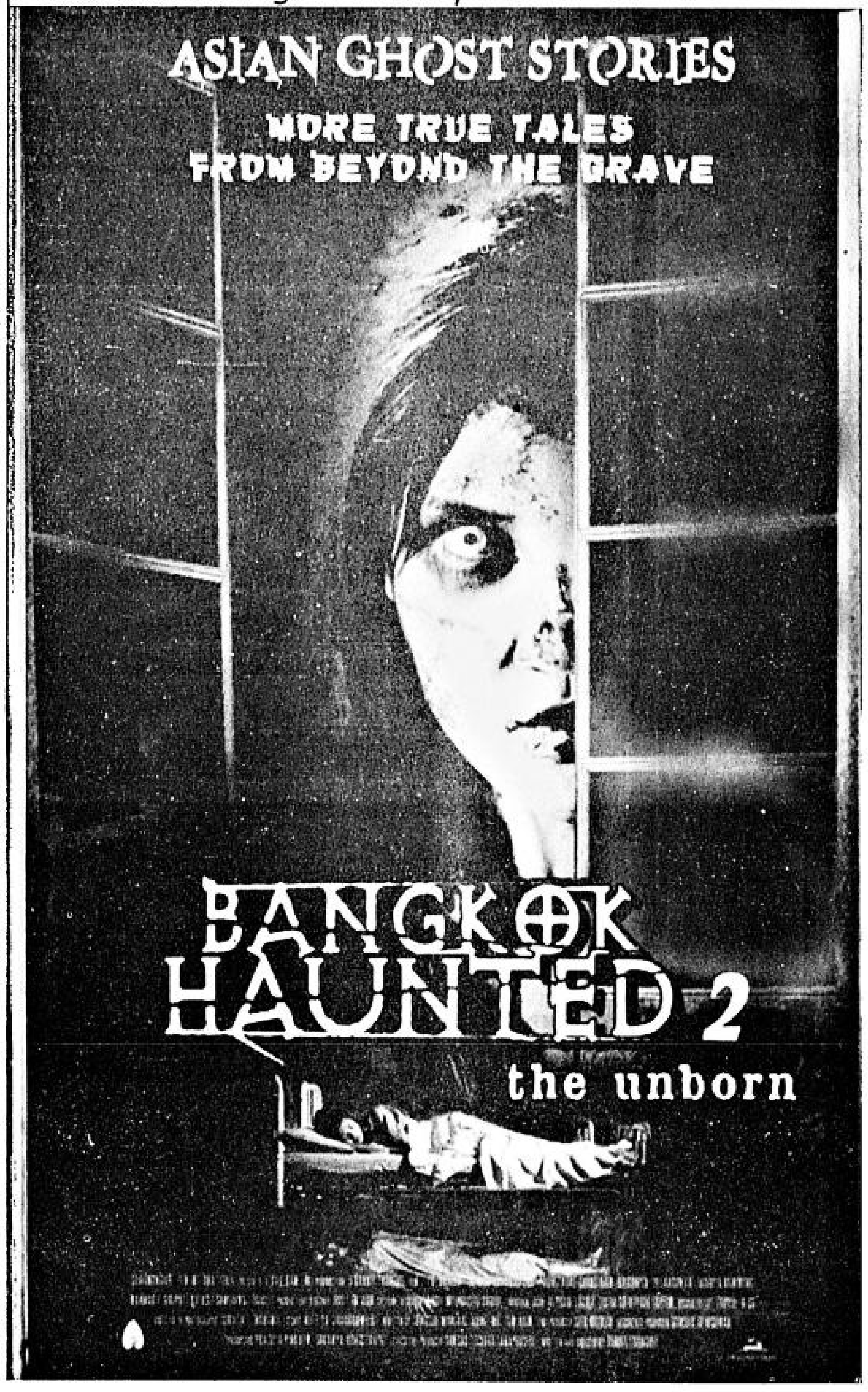
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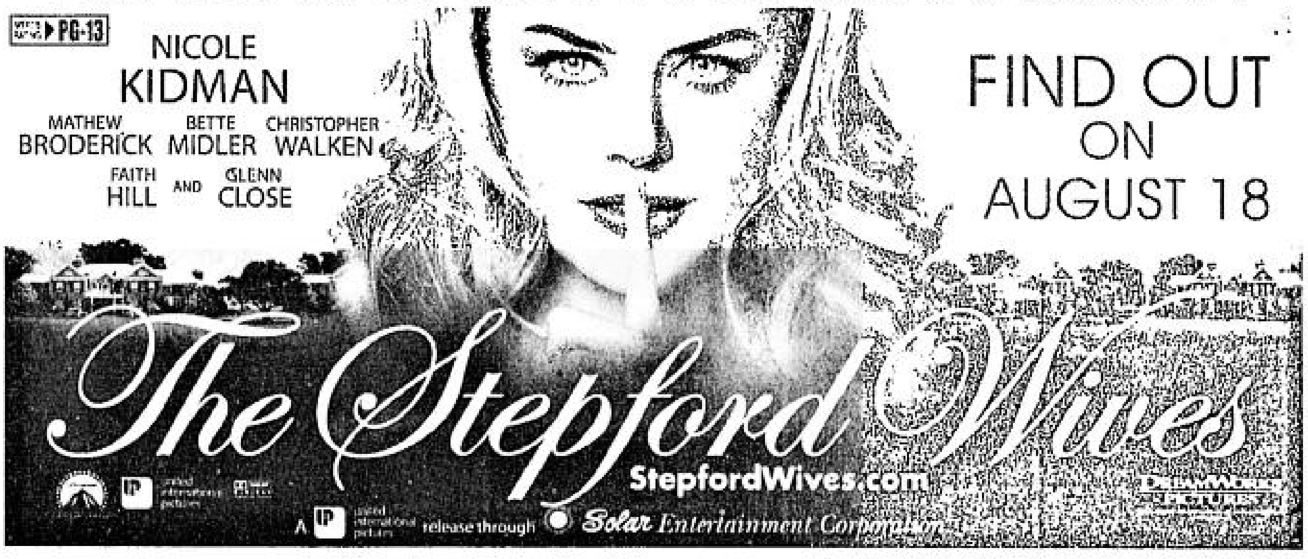
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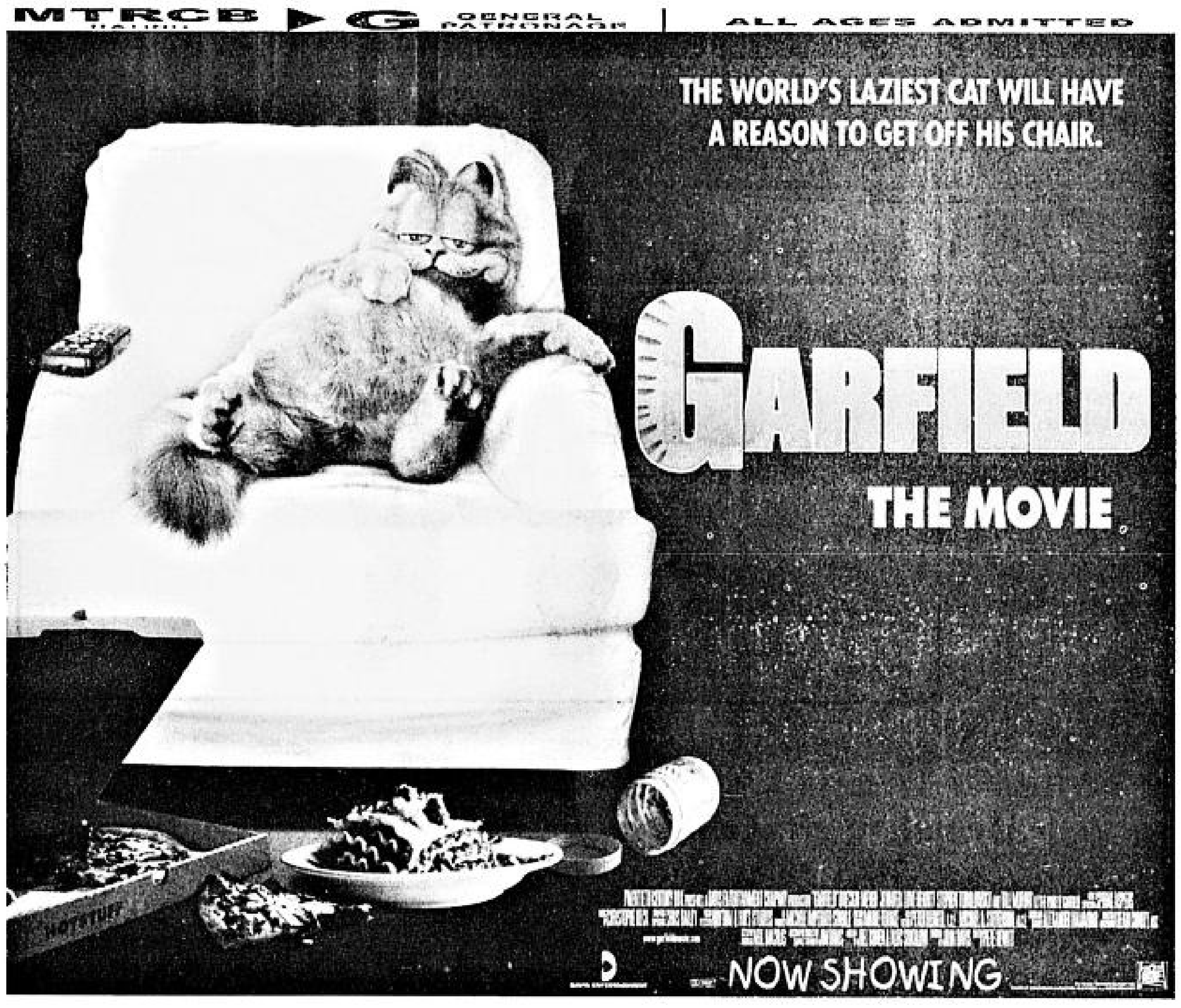
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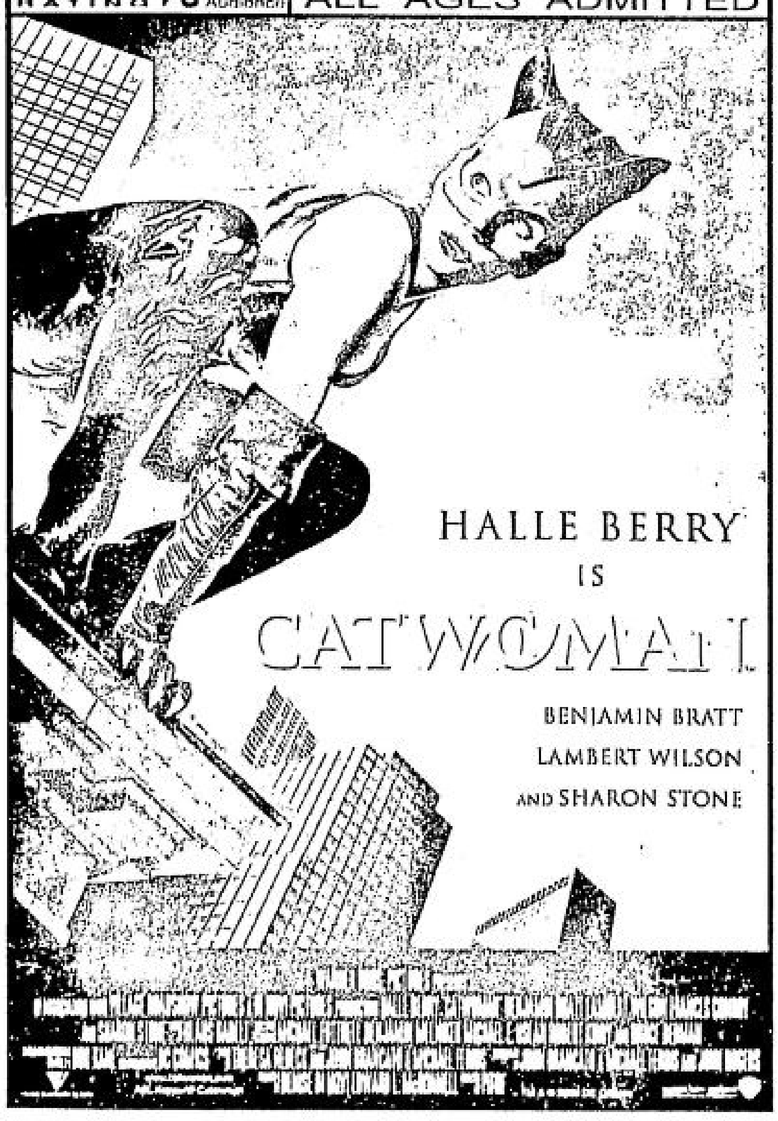
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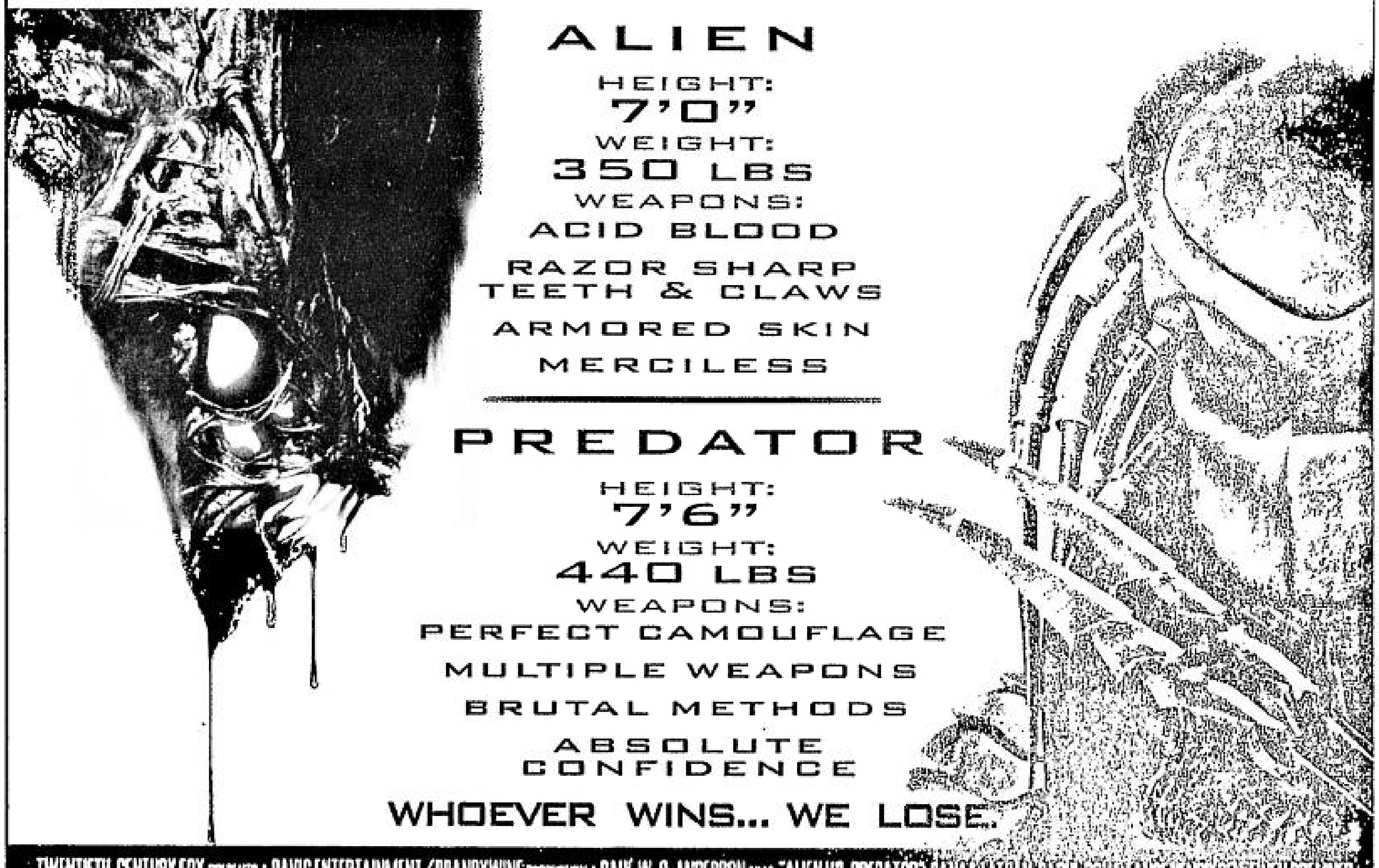

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MERCILESS

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Great family weekends with Touch Mobile

THERE'S more to weekends than just facing the boob tube, vegging out like a couch potato or sleeping the day away.

Weekends are great opportunities for families to do things together and enjoy activities that will bring family members closer.

Touch Mobile's Super Family 64K SIM Pack has a built-in Home Info Service that brings you a wide array of helpful tips for your whole family. Planning that perfect weekend pursuit is made easier with Touch Mobile's Home Info Service. Check out the "Family Entertainment" guide for movie schedules and vacation getaways, or look into the "Directory" for nice restaurants around the metropolis. You can also keep your family trip unspoiled by traffic or unexpected rains by checking the "News and Info" service which provides weather reports as well as traffic updates for major thoroughfares. You can also get the results of your favorite sporting events, juicy showbiz tidbits, and late-breaking news updates.

No need to worry if you have to contact important people while away for the weekend. With Touch Mobile's Instant Messaging and Mobile Mail, you can update people wherever you are and still enjoy your relaxing vacation with your family.

Moms and daughters who share a love of shopping can enjoy some female bonding when they download good buys and other "tipid" tips under the "Family Care" service. They can also brush up on their culinary skills with Touch Mobile's selection of recipes which include the Recipe for the day, Budget Meals, Special Meals, Party Fare, Healthy Meals, Snacks and Desserts.

Husbands can learn a thing or two with the "Family Care" service, which freely dispenses tips on relationship building between you and your partner, child care tips, health tips and many more. You can also ensure that the family knows what to do in cases of emergencies with the First Aid tips found in "Family Care".

Children will definitely enjoy Touch Mobile's exciting "Fun and Games" service. Let your kids download a cool handypet, the latest ringtones and funny icons. They're sure to be entertained by the Dream Interpretation service which helps you find the meaning of your dreams.

Don't forget to cap your weekend praying as a family. With the Home Info Service "Daily Guide", you can get Biblical Quotes, Bible Reflections and Mass schedules which you can share with your spouse, siblings and children.

With all these services found in the country's family-centric cellular network, Touch Mobile, every weekend can be made fun, fulfilling and complete for the entire family. Shouldn't your family be on Touch Mobile now?

GSM BLUE DANCE SHOWDOWN

Close to 500 students and more than 20 dance groups from different college and universities took part of the GSM Blue Tropa Tour Street Dance Showdown held at the Clam Shell 1 in Intramuros Manila. The competition was hot, and became more explosive as different university dance groups strut their stuff on the dance floor. Each group presented a 7 minute routine which includes 2 minutes of the 'GSM Blue Moves'. Different renditions and versions of the moves was seen which made the crowd wild and excited as they cheered for their universities. Breath taking performances were seen from TUP Bahaghari, Mapua's Sining Kalinangan, and Trinity Dance Troupe. One of the crowds favorite and apparently bagged the grand prizes was Adamson Friction (shown in photo) with a score of 95 percent.

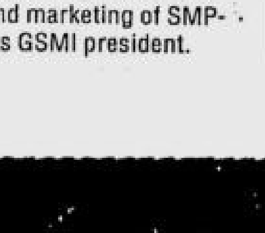
MFI SCHOLAR'S GET-TOGETHER

The members of the Young Women's Society for Honor and Excellence (YWSHE) and the Scholar's Chorale of the Meralco Foundation Institute (MFI) held a joint get-together at the MFI's Professional Development Center in Talisay, Batangas, overlooking the Taal Volcano and lake. The scholars successfully organized a fund-raising campaign via a stage play, proceeds of which goes to the street children of Ahon Center of Parañaque. The group (above) were led by MFI's Doreen Tolentino, Myreen Policarpio, Mike Cleofe and other staff of the registrar's office.

PINNACLE HEALTH POINTE GRAND LAUNCH

Pinnacle Health Pointe is the newest fitness center in Metro Manila located at One Lifestlye Building in Eastwood, Libis. Pinnacle boasts of state of the art equipment and it is the only gym in the country that has an indoor track and field, a boxing arena and runboy climb (wall climbing). It also prides itself of a modern spa, called East Asia Spa, with a dramatic ambience in a tranquil atmosphere overlooking the private garden courtyards. Major sponsors of the grand launch were Fila Sports and Smart Communications. Shown are (front, from left) Rod Cornejo of GMA 7; Rep. Annie Susano; Jimmy Tang, honorary president of Federation of Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry; (back, from left) board of directors of Pinnacle Health Pointe, Eddie Sy, Nelson Sy, Chris Tang, Chris Go.

Navarro takes GSMI helm



NAVARRO

DANILO Navarro, former general manager of San Miguel Packaging Products Inc (SMPPI), formally takes the helm of Ginebra San Miguel Inc (GSMI) as its new president. Navarro takes over from Arnaldo Africa, who has been named managing director for regional expansions of San Miguel Corp (SMC). Africa led GSMI for three years. The 53-year-old Navarro joined SMC in 1974. In 1998, he was named vice president for new market and business development of SMPPI servicing, among his many accounts, Nestle SA, one of SMPPI's biggest clients then. A year later, in 1999, he was appointed vice president for sales and marketing of SMPPI, a post he held until his appointment this year as GSMI president.

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PANA INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Philippine Association of National Advertisers (Pana) inducted new members during its July General Membership Meeting held at The Peninsula Manila. Shown during the induction ceremonies are (from left): Pana president Raul Alvarez of PLDT; Day Dayrit of HBC Inc; Nova Noval of Brittany; Edwin Torres of DLSU-Graduate School of Business and Ivy Lee of Autofrance.

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PRUDENTIAL GUARANTEE INKS MOA WITH LBC INSURANCE AGENCY

The country's leading non-life insurer Prudential Guarantee recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with LBC Insurance Agency. Prudential Guarantee will provide LBC Bank clients personal accident protection package under the 'LBC Bank Depositors PA Program'. Standing (from left): Prudential Guarantee vice president for marketing Hector D. Ramos, LBC Insurance Agency vice president Christian W. Guidotti, LBC Insurance Agency Rhea Lynn Arabia, Prudential Guarantee senior vice president and treasurer James G. Coyiuto, Prudential Guarantee account officer Ditas Bona, Prudential Guarantee vice president for accident and health Johnny I. Hernandez.

Doctors discuss treatment for metabolic syndrome

PROMINENT doctors gathered recently for a two-part forum to discuss the fast growing (yet hardly familiar) epidemic known as metabolic syndrome. A study revealed that about 14 to 20 percent of Filipinos over 20 years old have it, and some without even knowing it.

Metabolic syndrome is an amalgam of related risk factors that leads to cardiovascular diseases (CVD). Dr. Ricardo Fernando, one of the speakers during the forum, said that the most notable of these risk factors are diabetes, high cholesterol level, and obesity.

According to WHO (1998), other risk factors include hypertension, insulin resistance, microalbuminuria, and low level of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) or the good cholesterol.

A manifestation of three or more of these risk factors make a person a likely candidate for metabolic syndrome. Having metabolic syndrome facilitates the development of coronary artery disease (CAD), or the clogging of arteries due to plaque buildup. This eventually leads to severe chest pain (angina) or a heart attack.

"Metabolic syndrome prevalence is very high in the Philippines," said Dr. Fernando. Many doctors credit this to the fact that metabolic syndrome is a lifestyle disease, and many Filipinos love to eat fatty foods and don't care to exercise regularly.

Another speaker, Dr. Rody Sy, said the 5th National Nutrition Survey showed that the Philippines holds the highest prevalence of (the risk factor) low HDL-C, at 84 percent, followed by Korea (37.5 percent) and US (37 percent).

When detected early, metabolic syndrome responds well to lifestyle changes – particularly a low-cholesterol, low-fat diet and regular exercise. However, severe cases need more aggressive therapy, i.e. medication such as the widely prescribed statins and fibrates.

Statins, considered the standard therapy, prevents CAD by lowering the level of bad cholesterol or low-density cholesterol (LDL-C), but doctors agree that treatment must go beyond mere LDL-lowering for better results.

According to Dr. Mary Anne Lim-Abrahan, one promising therapeutic strategy for metabolic syndrome is boosting the HDL-C level. This can be accomplished by the use of drugs called fibrates, or fibric acid derivatives.

The Diabetes Atherosclerosis Intervention Study (Dais) supports the role of fenofibrates (a type of fibrate) in protecting against coronary artery disease. Fenofibrates, the study concluded, also work well in combination therapy with statins to optimize reduction of LDL-C with HDL-raising therapy. HDL-C also transfers cholesterol plaque to the liver for excretion in a process called reverse cholesterol transport.

The forum was sponsored by Laboratoires Fournier, a pharmaceutical company renowned for its innovative drugs for diabetes, obesity, dyslipidemia, and atherosclerosis.

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The Philippine Associated Smelting and Refining (Pasar) Corp, was awarded a certificate of recognition by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Region 8 'for the company's innovations and initiatives to introduce/implement sound environmental management programs and pollution control measures'. The awarding was held at Tabo-an, Marasbaras, Tacloban City. Photo shows environment protection senior manager Tranquillo Sanchez Jr. (right), receiving the award in behalf of Pasar from DENR information officer Maribel Munsayac, at the podium. Other Pasar representatives present were (from left) regional executive director Leonardo Sibbaluca; director Fermin Weygan; environmental impact assessment chief engineer Gregorio Diaz; pollution control department OIC - chief engineer Reynaldo Barra.

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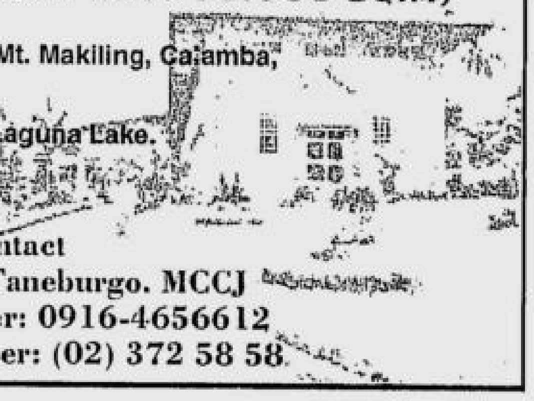

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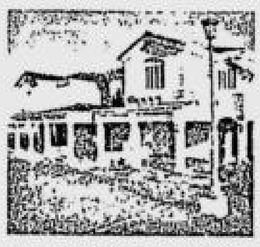

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Notice is given that the estate of the late NAPOLEON REY HIPOLITO was extrajudicially settled among his hiers as per Doc No. 40; Page No. 8; Book No. XX; Series of 2004 under Notary Public Atty Godofredo Liban II of Quezon City. (PDI-Aug. 15, 22 & 29, 2004)

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City of Bayawan
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The City Government of Bayawan thru its BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE invites interested suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the supply and delivery of the following items:

BID NO.	ITEMS	ABC	SOURCE OF FUNDS	DATE/TIME	
				Pre-bid Conference	Deadline/Opening Of Bids
04-109	Office Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures and Motor Vehicles for City Treasurer's Office	330,135.00	General Fund	2:00 PM 02Sept2004	10:30 AM 15Sept2004
04-110	Fertilizers for Rice and Corn Production	2,220,000.00	General Fund	2:00 PM, 02Sept2004	10:30 AM, 15Sept2004
04-111	Coaster/Shuttle Bus, Reconditioned (Japan Surplus), 25-30 seater capacity	1,000,000.00	General Fund	2:00 PM 02Sept2004	10:30 AM 15Sept2004
04-112	Motorcycle, four (4) stroke; 110 Dual Cab (Blue)	60,000.00	General Fund	2:00 PM, 02Sept2004	10:30 AM, 15Sept2004
04-113	IT Equipment	451,000.00	General Fund	2:00 PM, 02Sept2004	10:30 AM, 15Sept2004
04-114	GFL Incubation Water Bath with Circulation; Digital; 7 liter capacity, 220 volts, Made in Germany	200,000.00	General Fund	2:00 PM 02Sept2004	10:30 AM 15Sept2004
04-115	Spare Parts, Oil and Lubricants	294,550.00	General Fund	2:00 PM, 02Sept2004	10:30 AM, 15Sept2004
04-116	IT Equipment	343,000.00	Trust Fund	2:00 PM, 02Sept2004	10:30 AM, 15Sept2004

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In order to qualify for participation in the public bidding, the bidders should conform to all the eligibility criteria as prescribed under Section 23 of IRR-A of Republic Act No. 9184.

Bid documents shall be available at the BAC Office, Annex Building Sports Complex Building, LGU Bayawan City starting **August 15, 2004** upon payment of prescribed non-refundable fee.

Bidders shall drop their duly accomplished eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals in three separate envelopes in the bid boxes at the BAC Office, Bayawan City on or before the deadline of submission of bids.

All particulars relative to eligibility process, opening and evaluation of bids, post-qualification and award of contract shall be governed by the applicable provisions of RA. 9184.

The City of Bayawan reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defects or formality therein and to accept bids considered responsive and most advantageous to the government.

Details of bid items are posted at the official website of the City of Bayawan, the www.bayawancity.gov.ph, the G-EPS, and at the GSO Bulletin Boards, Supply Section, LGU Bayawan City. For more information, please contact the BAC Secretariat at Telephone Numbers (035) 531-0636 and 531-0020 local 107.

(SGD) PANCHO E. VILLASIS
City Administrator, Chairman, BAC

(PDI– Aug. 15 & 22, 2004)

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PERSONAL

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OFF TO A GOOD START

Chief Justice Hilario Davide cheerfully congratulates Manaoag, Pangasinan Number One Councilor-Elect Kim de Guzman Amador after he administered the latter's oath taking held at the Supreme Court last June 23, 2004. Kim is the son of Atty. Alcide Amador and Dahlia de Guzman-Amador.

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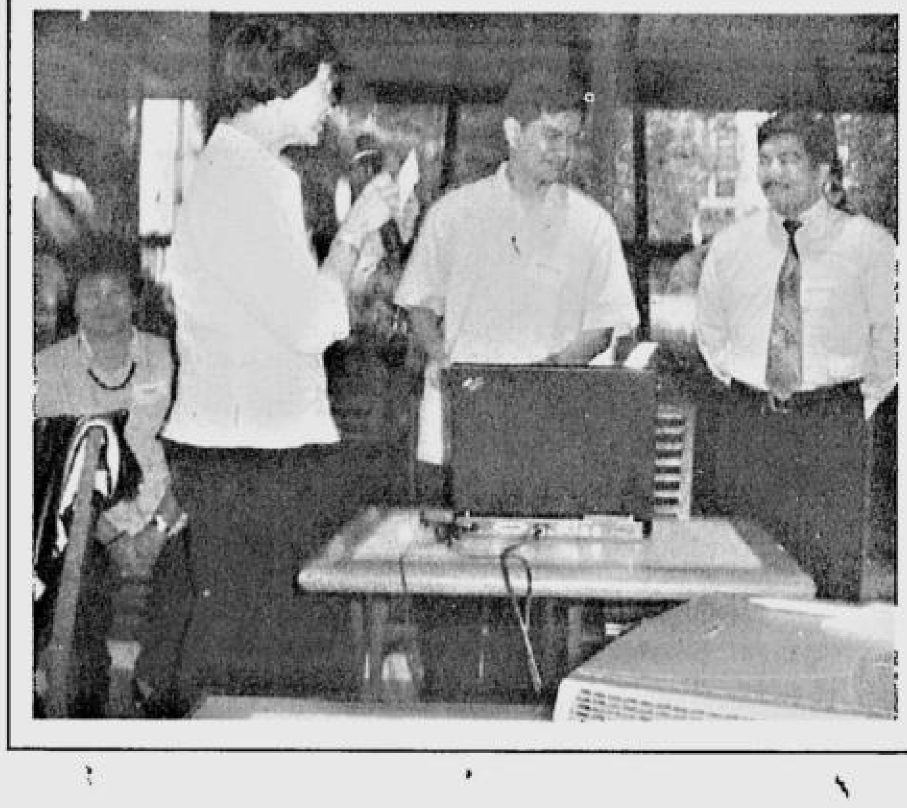

THE ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (ODPN) sponsored a talk on "Understanding Lean" on its 3rd KAPIHAN sa ODPN held last July 20, 2004 at the San Mig Café, San Miguel Properties Bldg., at the Ortigas Center. Shown in the picture are (left to right) Lot Ortiz-Luis, president of ODPN, Victor Bocaling, managing director of Swedish Philippines. Inc. and Renato Cardinal, senior consultant of Neville-Clarke of Neville Clark Philippines, Inc. Seated is Tina Bonifacio, ODPN DevCom chair. Mr. Cardinal discussed the concepts of "Lean Management" while Mr. Bocaling delved on the applications, successes and challenges in the implementation of Lean Management at Swedish Match Philippines, Inc. The next ODPN KAPIHAN set on September 21, 8 a.m. at San Mig Café, will discuss the concepts, and feasibilities of Business Process Outsourcing. Please call Au on 892-2895/96/98 for inquiries and reservation.

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NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH MARKET DETERMINED PRICING (SMDP)

The National Food Authority, Central Luzon Regional Office, Cabanatuan City invites all interested NFA licensed grains businessmen to participate in the Sale thru Market Determined Pricing (SMDP) for the following imported rice (TGER 32) of 7,758 MT or 155,178 bags more or less in the provinces of Region III, to wit:

Lot #	Province	Warehouse	Location	Volume In Bags	Indicative Price Per Bag
I	Bulacan	GID 1	Burol 1st, Balagtas	8,265	
		GID 2	Burol 1st, Balagtas	39,658	
		GID 2	Sta. Rita, San Miguel	2,077	
			Total	50,000	P750.00
II	Nueva Ecija	Whse No. 12	Cabanatuan City	14,379	
	Bataan	GID 2	Balanga	10,621	
	Pampanga	GID 1/11-Sindalan	San Fernando	25,000	
			Total	50,000	P750.00
III	Tarlac	Aguso 1	Aguso	4,920	
		Aguso 5	Aguso	17,740	
		GID	Jelmin, Concepcion	17,340	
	Zambales	GID	Iba	14,687	
		Wawandue	Subic	491	
			Total	55,178	P750.00
			Grand Total	155,178	P750.00

The sale is on a per lot, "AS-IS-WHERE-IS" basis, and open to all NFA accredited and/or licensed grains businessmen. The offeror shall be required to post a bid bond equivalent to 10% of the total value offered in the form of cash, and/or manager's/cashier's check payable to NFA issued by a reputable bank in Cabanatuan City.

Only prospective bidders who have submitted the following requirements to the RBAC are qualified to participate:

1. Letter of Intent to participate
2. Original and one (1) Xerox copy of NFA license/registration
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The SMDP shall be conducted at the NFA-Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Central Luzon Regional Office (CLRO), Cabanatuan City on the following schedule:

ACTIVITIES	DATE	TIME
1. Issuance of Invitation to Bid and Tender Forms	August 19, 20 & 23, 2004	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
2. Pre-SMDP Conference	August 24, 2004	10:00 am
3. SMDP Proper	August 24, 2004	2:00 pm

The SMDP terms and conditions and Tender Forms can be secured at the RBAC Secretariat at NFA Regional Office, Cabanatuan City after paying a non-refundable registration fee of P500.00. For further inquiries, please contact the RPBAC Chairman at telephone nos. (044) 463-1167, (044) 463-1168 and (044)-463-1233.

NFA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any defects or informalities found therein and accept only such bids which in its judgment are most reasonable and advantageous to the NFA. The decision of the Committee as confirmed by the Regional Director shall be deemed final.

(Sgd.) RUBEN J. RESIDE
RBAC Chairman
Asst. Regional Director

(PDI – August 14 & 15, 2004)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The NEDA Bids and Awards Committee (NBAC) invites consulting firms to register for accreditation and apply for eligibility, and to bid for the project. NEDA Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP). The approved budget for the contract is One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) from the NEDA Information Network Project.

The general objective of this project is to assess the current NEDA ISSP for the purpose of formulating a new NEDA ISSP for the period 2005 to 2010. This is to ensure that it is consistent with the priorities and strategies prescribed in the Government Information Systems Plan and the Electronic Commerce Act (R.A. 8792).

The deadline for submission of Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals in separate sealed envelopes shall be on or before **September 9, 2004**, 12:00 noon to be submitted by a duly authorized representative to the NBAC Secretariat, G/F Legal Staff, NEDA sa Pasig. Bids submitted after the deadline for the submission of bids will not be accepted. **The Opening of the bids shall be on September 9, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.**

Bid documents shall be issued by the NBAC Secretariat starting **August 9-23, 2004** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P500.00. The Pre-bid Conference shall be held on **August 24, 2004**, 10:00 a.m. at the Legal Staff.

The NBAC reserves the right to annul the bidding process, reject any or all of the bids, waive any defect or informality therein or accept such bid which it may consider to be most advantageous and beneficial to the government without incurring liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the ground(s) for the action of the NEDA.

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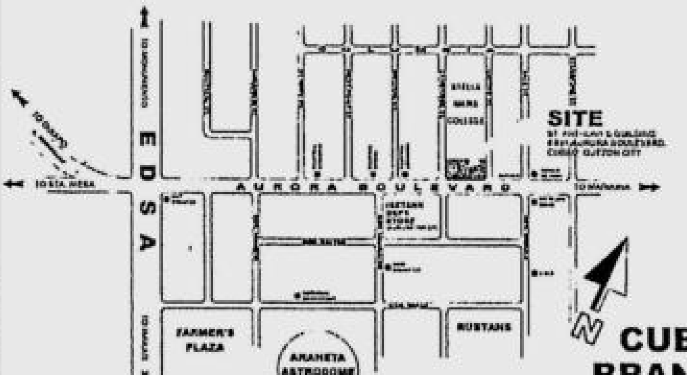

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- Knowledgeable on Tig-Welding, mold die repair, modification and fabrication using CNC Machine and programming (CAD/CAM/PRO-E/CATIA)
- **Relocation allowance will be provided to qualified applicants**

PURCHASING ASSISTANT (1)

Male/Female, not more than 25 yrs old, BS Industrial Eng. BS Mechanical Eng. Graduate with or without exp.

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- Graduate of Mechanical or Electrical Engineering Course
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- **Relocation allowance will be provided to qualified applicants**

All applicants should possess good communication skills and sociable.

Send resume and other credentials to:
RCM Mfg. Inc. Bldg 2025 Corregidor Highway, Subic Bay Freeport Zone
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Please bring Transcript of Records and Resumé. Apply at:

SONLIE INTERNATIONAL, INC.
2652 Taft Avenue, Pasay City
Tel. # 831-5917 / 831-8882

NDC

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

INVITATION TO BID

The **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (NDC)** invites interested bidders for the sale of its property with a total area of 5,176 square meter located along C. Arellano Blvd. Pier 2, Brgy. San Roque, Cebu City on an "as-is-where-is" basis. The minimum bid is set at P62,112,000.00.

Interested parties may secure Bidding Guidelines and Bid Forms beginning 16 August, 2004, as follows:

For Metro Manila bidders:
National Development Company
c/o The Secretariat
Bids and Awards Committee
7th Floor, NDC Bldg.,
116 Tordesillas St. Salcedo Village, Makati City
Tel. Nos. (02) 840-48-38
local 245 or 256

For Metro Cebu bidders:
c/o Atty. Romulo R. Senining
Managing Partner
Senining, Belciña & Atup Law Office
M. Lhuillier Bldg., Benedicto St.
Reclamation Area, Cebu City.
Tel. Nos. 233-20-30 and 416-61-71

A pre-bid conference shall be held on 27 August, 2004 at 10:30 AM at the NDC Board Room, 8th Floor, NDC Building.

Bids must be sealed and must be submitted not later than 3:00 PM of 7 September, 2004 labeled and addressed as follows:

The Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee
National Development Company

The opening of sealed bids is scheduled on 7 September, 2004 at 3:00 P.M. at the NDC Board Room, 8th Floor, NDC Building in the presence of all bidder(s) and/or their authorized representative prepared in the prescribed forms and accompanied by a 10% bid bond. Bids received after 3:00 PM shall no longer be accepted.

The NDC BAC reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formality hereto and/or accept any such bids or portion of bids as may be advantageous to NDC.

BAC Chairman

(PDI–Aug. 15, 16 & 17, 2004)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

JANICE V. REYES,

whose picture appears above, is no longer connected with **ProQuest Publishing** and ***Ang OFW Ngayon*** effective **August 5, 2004.** **ProQuest Publishing** and ***Ang OFW Ngayon*** will no longer honor any transaction entered into by her as of said date.

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Please forward application to:

c/o P.O. Box no. 1151
Intramuros, Manila

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- Must have gained well - grounded work experiences and trainings on the maintenance of cleanliness and orderliness from big companies or organizations.
- Must be willing to extend extra hours beyond the normal office hours.
- Must have supervisory skills; can demand competence, dedication, and a spirit of teamwork from the maintenance staff.

Those who qualify may apply in the following address.

c/o P.O. Box no. 1151
Intramuros, Manila

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Be it known that **GENNIA Y. GALLO**, OF # 5 West Riverside, Quezon City with a pending warrant of arrest issued by the Regional Trial Court of Manila, Branch 42 on Criminal Case No. 04-227000 for Qualified Theft, has been ARRESTED and is presently detained at the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Detention Center at Taft Avenue, Manila.

Anybody who is interested to pursue their own case against her may get in touch with:

THE PERSONNEL OFFICE OR LEGAL DEPARTMENT
CHINESE GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
Nos. 286 Blumentritt Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila
Tel. Nos. 741-7618 / 711-4141 loc. 623, 613, 617

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PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER
East Avenue, Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY & TO BID

The Philippine Heart Center (PHC) is inviting bidders for:

DESCRIPTION	Approved Budget	Bidding Fee
a. Pulmonary Function Test Machine	P 2 million	P 3,500.00
b. Portable Ultrasound	1.05 million	2,550.00
c. 2 units elevators	5.0 million	5,000.00
d. repair & repainting of exterior walls & soffits including steel window frames & mullions of Hospital, Medical Arts and Service Buildings	5.0 million	5,000.00

Source of Funding: PHC FUNDS

The list of eligibility requirements will be issued at the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat, BAC office, 8th Flr., MAB, PHC, East Ave., Quezon City. Only eligible bidders shall be required to pay the non-refundable bidding fee. The deadline for the submission of requirements is on **August 23, 2004** not later than 4:00 p.m. For any inquiry, please call BAC Secretariat Office at Tel. No. 925-24-01 loc. 3888 ask for Ms. Noemi Nocasa.

The PHC reserves the right to reject any and all bids or declare a failure of bidding or not award the contract, if there is evidence of collusion between relevant public officers or employees of the PHC and any of the bidders, or among the bidders, or between bidders and third parties, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures. The agency also reserves the right to waive any formality on the bids received, provided that such waiver does not refer to a major deviation in a bid or any requirement provided for in the **Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184** pertaining to the substance of the bid. Should such review uncover any misrepresentation made in the eligibility statement, or any changes in the situation of the bidder materially downgrade the substance of such statements, the PHC shall disqualify the bidder upon due notice without any obligation whatsoever for any expenses or losses that may be incurred by it in the preparation of its bids.

(Sgd.) **RAUL D. JARA, M.D.**
Chairman, BAC

(PDI – August 8 & 15, 2004)

MAYNILAD WATER SERVICES, INC.
G/F MWSI Bldg., MWSS Complex
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City, Philippines 1100
Tel. Nos. 435-3366, 920-5521 loc. 3600, 3615, 3616

INVITATION TO BID

The Maynilad Water Services, Inc. is inviting interested parties to undertake the supply and delivery of various sizes of **SADDLE CLAMP** for different types of pipes.

Diameter range :50mm to 300mm
Tap Size :ISO7-3/4" to ISO7 -2" Female Thread

As per MWSI Technical Specifications and Terms and Conditions.
Section 32007-00/01 Oct. 01 - Service Saddle

Interested suppliers/manufacturers can obtain further information and secure a complete set of pre-qualification forms, Technical Specifications and Terms and Conditions (Bid Documents) upon payment of a non-refundable documents fee in the amount of One Thousand Pesos Only (P1,000.00) payable to MWSI, at the following address.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
Basement, MWSI Office, Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
Tel. No. 435-3366 Fax No. 928-2303 / 433-5629

Deadline for submission of accomplished pre-qualification documents is on **August 25, 2004**. Only applicants who successfully pre-qualify shall be invited to submit their FINANCIAL PROPOSAL for this bidding. Pre-qualified and disqualified applicants shall be notified in writing.

(Sgd.) **IGNACIO B. GIMENEZ**
SAVP, Corporate Logistics

(PDI – August 14 & 15, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Center for Health Development 4
BATANGAS REGIONAL HOSPITAL
Training & Teaching
(Batangas City)

2004

INVITATION TO BID

The Batangas Regional Hospital, Batangas City is inviting qualified suppliers, dealers and manufacturers to supply various Drugs and Medicines, Medical, Surgical, X-ray Supplies & Laboratory Reagents and supplies.

SCHEDULE OF BIDDING ACTIVITIES

DATE	ACTIVITIES
Aug. 23 to Aug. 29, 2004	Issuance of bid documents & eligiblity check to qualified bidders, (Supply Office). Non-refundable Bid Form of P300.00 shall be collected from participating bidders
Sept. 23, 2004	Pre-bidding conference at the Conference Room 9:30 a.m.

BIDDING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (BRH CONFERENCE ROOM)

DATE	ACTIVITIES	ABC
October 7, 2004 9:30 A.M.	Drugs and Medicines	P3,000,000.00
October 8, 2004 9:30 A.M.	Medical/ surgical, x-ray supplies, & laboratory reagents and supplies	P7,500,000.00

The BRH reserves the right to reject any or all bids, without offer of any reason, waive any required formality, technicality or defect contained herein and accept an offer evaluated by the BAC as the most advantageous to the government. Further, BRH assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify any bidder for any expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bids nor does it guarantee that any award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ARCELI S. HERNANDEZ, M.D., FPCP, MHA**
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI--August 8 & 15, 2004)

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Interested parties may send their application letter & bio-data on or before the 25th of August 2004 to:

LPG MARKETING DEPARTMENT
C/O Ms. Riagene Santos
9th Flr. Shellhouse Building
156 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City

or call: 816 -6501 loc 6185

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Intramuros, Manila

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) invites all interested bidders to participate in the bidding for the Provision of Health Maintenance Services for DOLE officials and employees with an approved budget for the contract of TEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php 10,520,000.00).

Interested bidders must register and submit registration requirements to the Property Division, Administrative Service, 2nd Floor, DOLE Bldg., Muralla Street, Intramuros, Manila starting **August 16, 2004**. Said checklist may also be secured from the same office. Deadline for registration will be on **August 30, 2004**.

Only bidders duly registered with the DOLE may be allowed to attend the Pre-Bid Conference on **August 31, 2004** at 2:00 p.m. at the DOLE Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DOLE Executve Building, San Jose Street, Intramuros, Manila.

Eligibility check requirements shall be distributed during the Pre-bid Conference or can be secured from the Property Division, Administrative Service, 2nd Floor DOLE Bldg., Intramuros, Manila starting **September 1, 2004**.

Eligibility documents shall be submitted to the DOLE Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) at the DOLE Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DOLE Executive Building, San Jose Street, Intramuros, Manila, on September 3, 2004 betwen 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. only in a sealed envelope marked with the title "PROVISION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR DOLE" addressed to the undersigned. Registered bidders are invited to witness the eligibility check on said date at exactly 2:00 p.m. at the same venue.

The deadline for the submission of bids will be on **September 15, 2004** at 2:00 p.m. at the DOLE Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DOLE Executive Building, San Jose Street, Intramuros, Manila. The PUBLIC BIDDING shall follow with the participation of eligible bidders. Late bids shall not be accepted.

Interested bidders are requested to present, personally or through their authorized representatives, their proposals on the date of the bidding. The DOLE reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any informality therein and make an award to the bidder whose bid is most advantageous to the Department. The DOLE assumes no obligation for whatever losses that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of bids nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

For further inquiries/information please get in touch with Ms. Lily Pearl L. Guerrero and Ms. Liberty C. Angeles, members of the BAC Secretariat at telephone numbers 527-3480 and 527-3583.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. MA. ANTHONETTE VELASCO-ALLONES**
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee and Assistant Secretary

(PDI--Aug. 15 & 23, 2004)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

We inform the public that **EDGAR A. DIZON**, whose picture appears below, has ceased his employment with Philippine Duplicators, Inc. effective August 09, 2004.

We shall not honor any transaction entered into by him after said date.

The Management
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(PDI - Aug. 15, 2004)

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Department of Education
THIRD ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROJECT
DIVISION PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT
Division of Mountain Province

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB No. 002-SBP-2004

August 15, 2004

To All Qualified Bidders:

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) towards the cost of financing the Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments for civil works component of the project. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines for Procurement under JBIC Loans (Nov. 1987).
2. The Division Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders classified by IAC & PCAB for general building for the proposed bid package:

Package No. MTP-06 06-0059	License at Least Medium A	New Construction of One (1) Unit - Three (3) Classrooms Two Storey TEEP School Building at Paracelis Central School in the Municipality of Paracelis, Mountain Province

3. Bidding documents may be purchased at TEEP DPISU Office, DepEd, Division of Mountain Province with address at Bontoc, Mountain Province for a nonrefundable fee of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 1,500.00) only for the package. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a security in the amount of 2.5% of total bid price, and shall be delivered to Division's Bids and Awards Committee, TEEP DPISU Office, DepEd, Division of Mountain Province, Bontoc, Mountain Province on or before 10:00 a.m. September 15, 2004 at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

(Sgd.) **ERLINDA P. SAN JOSE**
Chairperson
Division Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--August 15, 2004)

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN
PANGASIWAAN SA PATALAAN NG LUPAIN
(LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY)
East Avenue cor. NIA Road
Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Land Registration Authority (LRA) invites all interested bidders duly registered with the Government Electronic Procurement System (G-EPS) to participate in the bidding for the following services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	MANPOWER REQUIREMENT	PLACE OF DEPLOYMENT	CONTRACT DURATION	APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT
Janitorial	47	Nationwide	one month	P 490,876.23
Security	60	Nationwide	one month	P 910,432.45
Cargo Forwarding	–	Nationwide	one month	P 191,401.80

The source of funding is SARO No. C-04-01754 dated July 9, 2004.

List of Eligibility Requirements can be secured on August 30 to September 3, 2004 from the BAC-PGSM Secretariat, Lower Ground Floor, LRA Building East Avenue corner NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Submission of eligibility requirements is from September 9 to 14, 2004. Prospective bidders shall present the original documents of all eligibility requirements for authentication purposes. Eligible parties shall be issued a complete set of Bid Documents on September 24 to 29, 2004 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,000.00.

All interested parties are invited to attend the pre-bid conference to be held at the LRA Multi-Purpose Hall, 5th Floor, LRA Building on the following schedule:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DATE	TIME
Janitorial Services	September 30, 2004	10:00 a.m.
Security Services	September 30, 2004	2:00 p.m.
Cargo Forwarding Services	October 1, 2004	10:00 a.m.

Sealed Bids shall be received and be opened at the LRA Multi-Purpose Hall, 5th Floor, LRA Building on the following dates and time:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DATE	TIME
Janitorial Services	October 12, 2004	10:00 a.m.
Security Services	October 12, 2004	2:00 p.m.
Cargo Forwarding Services	October 13, 2004	10:00 a.m.

The BAC-PGSM reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any required formality in the bids received, and to accept any such offer that may be considered advantageous to LRA.

The bidders shall bear all costs in the preparation of their bids and the government shall in no case be responsible or liable for their costs regardless of the outcome of the bidding process.

(Sgd.) **EDILBERTO R. FELICIANO**
Deputy Administrator
Chairman, BAC-PGSM

(PDI – August 15 & 28, 2004)

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Message of Thanks. . .

Ponciano C. Marquez
November 19, 1920 - August 5, 2004

Words alone cannot express the gratitude we are feeling. Thank you for all your expressions of love in our hour of grief. We find comfort and serenity through.....

Your consoling words, expressions of sympathy and condolences;
The endless flow of beautiful flowers that filled the chapel;
The Eucharistic mass and Novena offerings;
Your selfless gifts to his favorite causes;
Your simple and thoughtful acts of love through the help and assistance you extended in different caring ways;

Your presence during daily masses and nightly vigils, most especially to those who came from foreign and faraway places;
Your genuine expressions of love through heartfelt and kind words said during the Necrological services and farewell rites; and finally,
For your fervent and unceasing prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

You have all made a difference in our lives by easing our pain and giving us peace by the comfort of your presence and the many ways you showed how much you loved him.

He will forever live in the hearts of everyone who loves him.

Our sincerest and most heartfelt gratitude.
Mrs. Virginia M. Marquez and Family
and Virjen Group of Companies

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Jesus I Trust in You!

THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY
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Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Creed.

On the large bead before each decade:
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Son Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads of each decade:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclude with:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world
(Three times)

Jesus King of Mercy we trust in you!

Our Dearly Beloved

DR. ALEJANDRO M. ROMERO, M.D.

of Binalonan, Pangasinan

*Peacefully joined the Lord and his wife **MILAGROS TOMZER** on August 13, 2004 at the age of 78.*

His children **ANNIE & JESS BIROSEL, ALEX & SHIRLEY, ART, AIVI & BLUE FLORESCIO**; grandchildren **JOHN MARI, JAMES, AVA, NIKKI, ANDREI, MIGUEL, RAPHAEL, GABRIEL, URIEL & CHLOE**; sisters **CARMEN & LOURDES**; brothers **VIVENCIO** (†), **CESAR** (†), **ROMEO** (†), **HONORIO**; request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

We, the members of the family
of the late

ESTELA PRIMICIAS SINDICO

who died on July 15, 2004

wish to express our sincerest gratitude
to all those who offered masses and prayers, condoled
with us and joined us
in our bereavement on account
of our great loss.

EDGARDO S. SINDICO

PHILIP & BINGBING
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(†) **FABIOLA (FABI)**
MARIVIC & MATTHEW
DENNIS & MARIBEL
JESSE & MINDA
SONY & ARTHUR
MALOU & JOEY

and grandchildren

Thank you again and please continue
to include her in your prayers.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

Our heartfelt and sincerest gratitude

- for being with us in our time of sorrow
- for offering Mass and for joining us in vigil
- for the beautiful flowers you sent
- for Mass cards and messages of sympathy
- for praying for us and with us

Thank you
The sisters, nieces, and
nephews of the late

ENYA MONTAÑANO LOPEZ

"Rejoice, o highly favored, the Lord is with you." ***Luke 1:28***

SISTER MARY GRACE RIVERA, RGS

(Avelina Ordoveza Rivera of Pila, Laguna)

On 12 August 2004, Sister Grace peacefully ended her 89 years on earth to meet her Shepherd God, after serving Him faithfully for 55 years in religion.

The Philippine Province of the Good Shepherd Sisters and her family request your prayerful remembrance.

The wake is held at the Good Shepherd Chapel, 1043 Aurora Blvd., 1108 Quezon City. The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered on the Feast of the Assumption, 15 August 2004, at 9 a.m. Interment at the Loyola Memorial park follows.

In lieu of flowers a donation for the fund for the poor will be appreciated.

You live on -
in the minds that you inspired
in the lives that you improved
in the hearts that you touched
You live on -
and you shall never die.

Lovingly remembered on his 9th year anniversary to eternal life, our dear...

FR. CORNELIO LAGERWEY, MSC

Holy Masses shall be offered at various churches. Please continue to remember him in your prayers in fulfillment of his dream, the *Evangelization of Love* thru media.

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May 5, 1925
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Interment will be on Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at Loyola Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque, after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at Sto. Domingo Church, Quezon Ave., Quezon City.

JOSE Z. APÓSTOL

*Peacefully died on August 14, 2004
at the age of 81*

He is survived by wife **EUGENIA DURAN-APÓSTOL**; his son **CARLOS**; daughter-in-law **CORA SANTIAGO**; grandchildren **CARLA**, **FRANCIS** and **CLAIRE**; brother **ROBERTO**; and his aunt **NATIVIDAD ROMERO-MILLAR.**

His body lies in state at the Capilla de la Virgen of Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park.

There will be a 3 p.m. Mass on Tuesday afternoon, August 17 after which will follow the funeral at the crypt of San Antonio.

Please omit flowers; instead, donations to Tuloy Foundation (for street children) will be appreciated.

Message of Thanks

The Family of the late

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*Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
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Her remains lie in state at their residence, 1069 Pereyras St., Tagum City, Davao.

Mass will be at the Old Christ the King Parish Church at 8:00 a.m. on August 19, 2004.

Interment will follow at the Glorious Resurrection Memorial Park, Tagum City.

Mariano "Ning" A. Perez, Jr.

*Died in the Grace of our Lord
on 12 August 2004 at the age of 73.*

His bereaved wife **Adoring**; children **Nito**, **Adora**, **Nandy** & **Ilen**; grandsons **Mark** & **Roi**; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to join them in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Holy Gardens Memorial Park Chapel A, Angono, Rizal.

Interment will be on Tuesday, 17 August 2004 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at the Holy Gardens Memorial Park, Angono, Rizal.

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Mass will be offered today, August 14, 2004 at the following churches:

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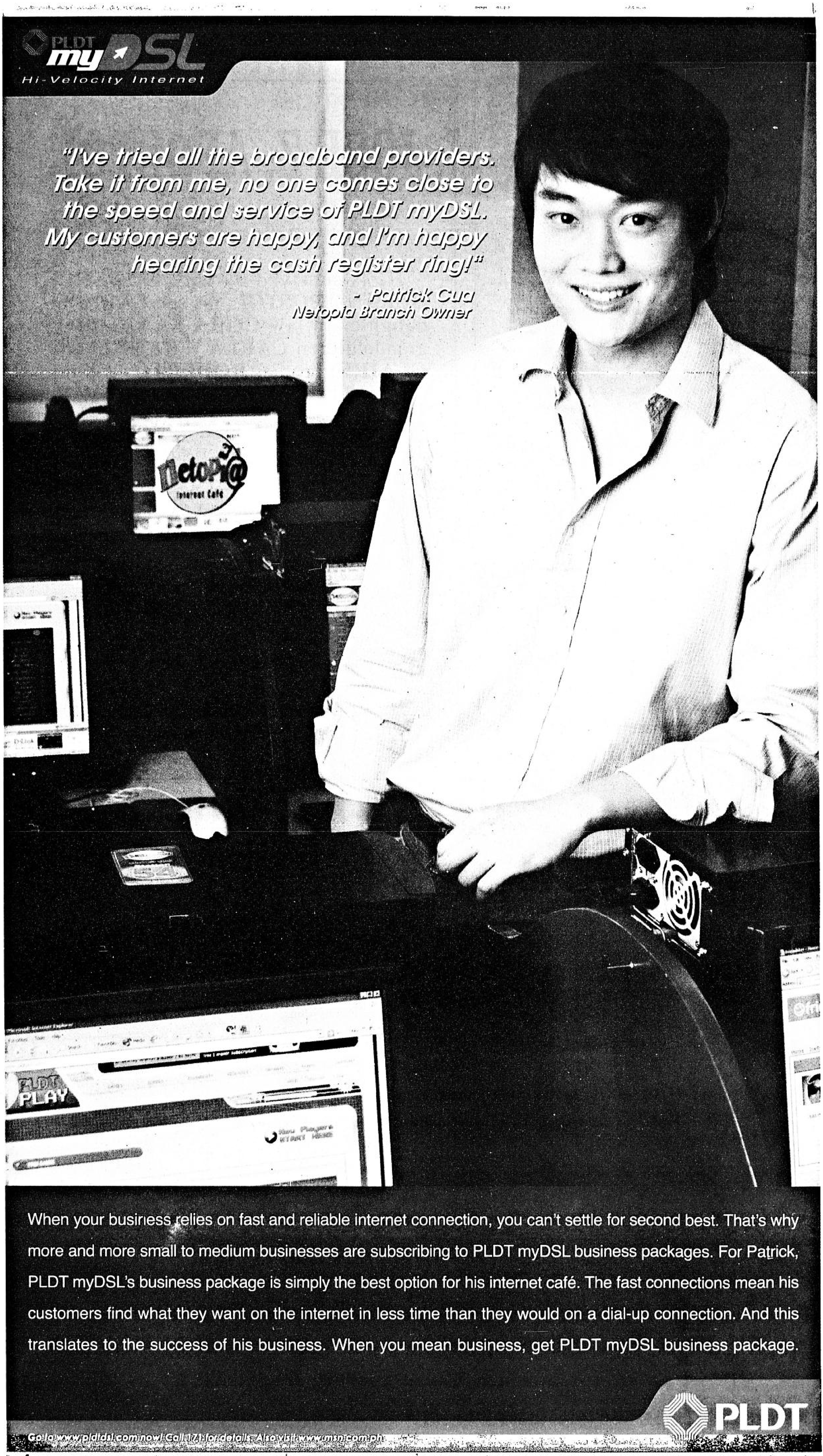

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'I was a scapegoat,' says GMA 7 exec

**By Margaux C. Ortiz
and Jocelyn Valle,** *Contributor*

GMA 7 publicist Ma. Theresa "Tet" Defensor accused her superiors at the network of pressuring her to admit responsibility for the e-mailed column feed that prompted ABS-CBN host Kris Aquino to file an P80-million libel case against GMA.

Defensor said the GMA 7 executives made her their "scapegoat."

Last Friday afternoon, Defensor filed her counter affidavit with the office of Fiscal Henry Salazar at the Makati Regional Court.

"The column feed that is the subject of this libel suit was not my idea," Defensor said in her counter affidavit.

A column feed, as explained in the affidavit, is a term used in the public relations and publicity industry to describe an interest group's opinion or point of view which is offered to a writer of a newspaper or magazine or Internet column to adopt as his own opinion.

'Paki ng boss ko'

"The column feeds intended to promote the programs of GMA Network are ideas of the officers of the network and formed part of the network's operating policy," Defensor said.

She said she was merely responsible for delivering the column feeds to the press.

She pointed out that the introductory note she attached to the column feed clearly stated who had asked her to send it out: "*Kapatid paki lang ng* boss *ko. Sana masingit nyo sa* column."

She said she complied with her superiors' instructions "because I honestly believed that the contents of the column feed (were) not libelous."

On July 9, entertainment writer Jojo Gabinete published a column feed in his tabloid column, saying the feed had originated from GMA 7. Gabinete also included Defensor's introductory note.

> 'The column feed was not my idea,' says network publicist

The column feed criticized Aquino and her ABS-CBN show, "Good Morning, Kris," which is in the same time slot as GMA Network's "Sis." It also talked about, among others, Aquino having had a sexually transmitted disease.

Benchmark breached

A few days later, Aquino filed the libel suit against the GMA executives. Lawyer Sigfrid Fortun filed the P80-million libel case on behalf of Aquino at the Makati Prosecutor's Office on July 12. Named respondents were GMA chair Felipe Gozon, executive vice president Jimmy Duavit, vice president for TV entertainment Wilma Galvante, Alfonso "Butch" Raquel Jr. and Defensor.

"Everything about it breached the benchmark for libel," Fortun had told INQUIRER Entertainment.

GMA management then issued a statement signed by Gozon and Duavit, in which they distanced themselves from Defensor. It said management was apologizing to Aquino for "whatever inconvenience the item may have caused her."

Defensor said in her affidavit that the origi-

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AQUINO. The controversial e-mail prompted the actress-TV host to file an P80-million libel suit against the network.

ABS-CBN files ₱200-M case vs GMA 7 over 'stolen' video

By Tina Santos

ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. last Friday finally filed a P200-million copyright infringement case against its biggest rival, GMA 7, for the latter's alleged use of ABS-CBN's live video feed of freed terrorist hostage Angelo de la Cruz last month.

ABS-CBN had earlier protested what it said was GMA 7's unauthorized use of ABS-CBN's video on the arrival of truck driver De la Cruz on July 22 following his release by Iraqi terrorists.

Jesus Maderazo, ABS-CBN vice president for news production, filed the case before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office.

Accused of violating ABS-CBN's copyright under Republic Act No. 8293, or the Intellectual Property Rights, were GMA 7 president and chief executive officer Felipe L. Gozon, executive vice president and chief operating officer Gilberto Duavit, vice president and head of news and public affairs Marissa Flores, news director Jessica Soho, head of news operations Grace de la Peña-Reyes, and program manager for news John Oliver Manalastas.

Maderazo pointed out that GMA 7 openly admitted that it used ABS-CBN's live video feed of De la Cruz despite knowing that this is not allowed.

GMA Network is also aware that ABS-CBN's contract with Reuters and CNN prohibits the use of any video without permission, especially for locally based stations,

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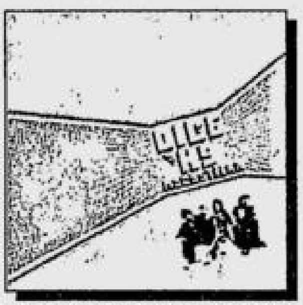

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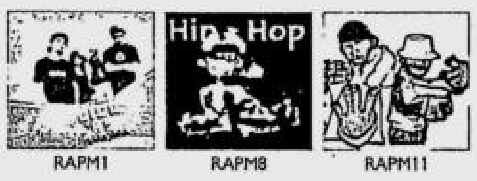

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‘I was a scapegoat,’ says GMA 7 exec

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nal copy of the column feed, with marginal notes on it, was merely handed to her by Galvante and Raquel, Defensor’s immediate superior.

She said the column feed was prepared by GMA management and sent through electronic mail to certain newspaper reporters and columnists to promote GMA’s morning talk show, “Sis.”

She said that when her superiors learned that Aquino had filed an P80-million libel suit against GMA, they pressured her into signing a statement admitting responsibility for the column feed.

‘Not libelous’

Defensor said she was not given a chance to consult a lawyer or get a copy of the statement.

“I decided to temporarily stop reporting for work,” she said in her affidavit, “because by making me their scapegoat by pressuring me to sign a letter admitting responsibility for the said column feed against the complainant (Aquino) and making it appear that the same column feed was not their doing, the GMA Network Management under its chair Felipe Gozon has made it impossible for me to perform my job.”

Defensor said the column feed did not impute a crime, vice or defect to Aquino. She also said that contrary to Aquino’s claim, the column feed did not state that she was promiscuous.

Defensor said the word “*kakirihan*,” which was used to describe Aquino in the column feed, referred to Aquino’s “loud or contrived body movements” as she responded to questions in her show, “Good Morning Kris.”

Defensor also said that because of Aquino’s revelations on national television in September last year that she had acquired a sexually transmitted disease, “she herself destroyed her reputation as the personification of a *dalagang* Filipina.”

Defensor said that the e-mailed column feed might have contained some insulting or abusive words “but these same words were not necessarily libelous.”

Also present during the filing of counter charges were Gozon and Raquel, who did not make any comment, and Fortun.

Assistance rejected

Defensor is represented by lawyer Buena Ednave, and her brother, Tiny Defensor, as her spokesperson.

Tiny clarified that his sister has not resigned from GMA 7. “In fact, she’s still receiving her salary,” he said. “She is just on an indefinite leave. She shouldn’t resign because it could mean an admission of guilt.”

He told INQUIRER Entertainment in a phone interview on Friday that his sister has not decided yet whether she’d go back to work at GMA or go on a permanent leave.

GMA has offered her legal assistance, but his sister has declined, said Tiny Defensor.

“*Malaki ang depensa namin*,” he added.

Fiscal Salazar said a hearing has been set on Aug. 24.

GMA 7 has not issued a press statement.

ABS-CBN files P200-M case against GMA 7

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Maderazo said.

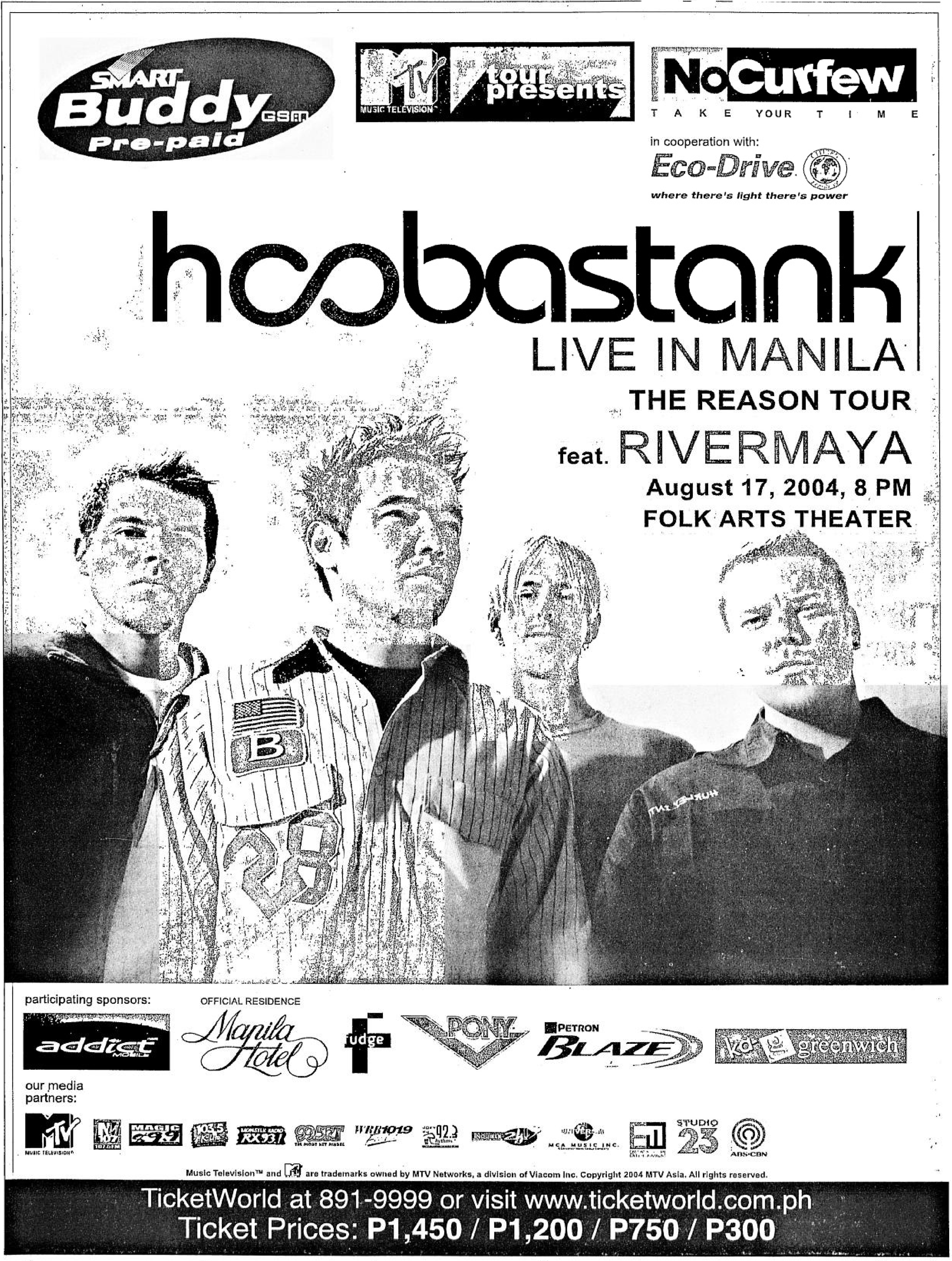
He stressed that the De la Cruz video was “clearly marked ‘No Access to Philippines.’” This means the video was intended only for ABS-CBN and international networks such as Reuters and CNN, and no other Philippine station could use it without ABS-CBN’s consent, he explained.

On July 27, GMA 7 filed a P100-million libel case against ABS-CBN after the latter accused it of stealing the ABS-CBN footage of De la Cruz.

In a recent statement, GMA 7 had said it has never been its policy or practice to air footage that it is not authorized to use.

Last July 22, GMA 7’s hourly news update, “Flash Report,” carried Reuters’ live video footage of De la Cruz’s arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. GMA 7 alternately used its own footage with those beamed live by Reuters.

GMA 7 said that when ABS-CBN reporter Dindo Amparo appeared on the live Reuters feed, GMA 7 immediately stopped broadcasting the Reuters pictures and switched to CNN’s live coverage of the event. But CNN was also picking up Reuters’ live video feed, according to GMA 7 executives.



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Davao's Himig wins Hungary competition

DAVAO CITY—The city's internationally renowned Himig singers bagged the top prize in the Vivace 2004 Choir Festival and Competition held on July 29 in Veszprem, Hungary.

The 14-member group, led by the choir's veteran conductor Alvin Aviola, bested other 50 groups from different countries.

The Himig singers were the smallest group to vie in the international competition, where the other groups had 40 to 50 singers.

During the finals, the 50 choir groups were reduced to eight finalists, one from Taiwan and the other from the Philippines.

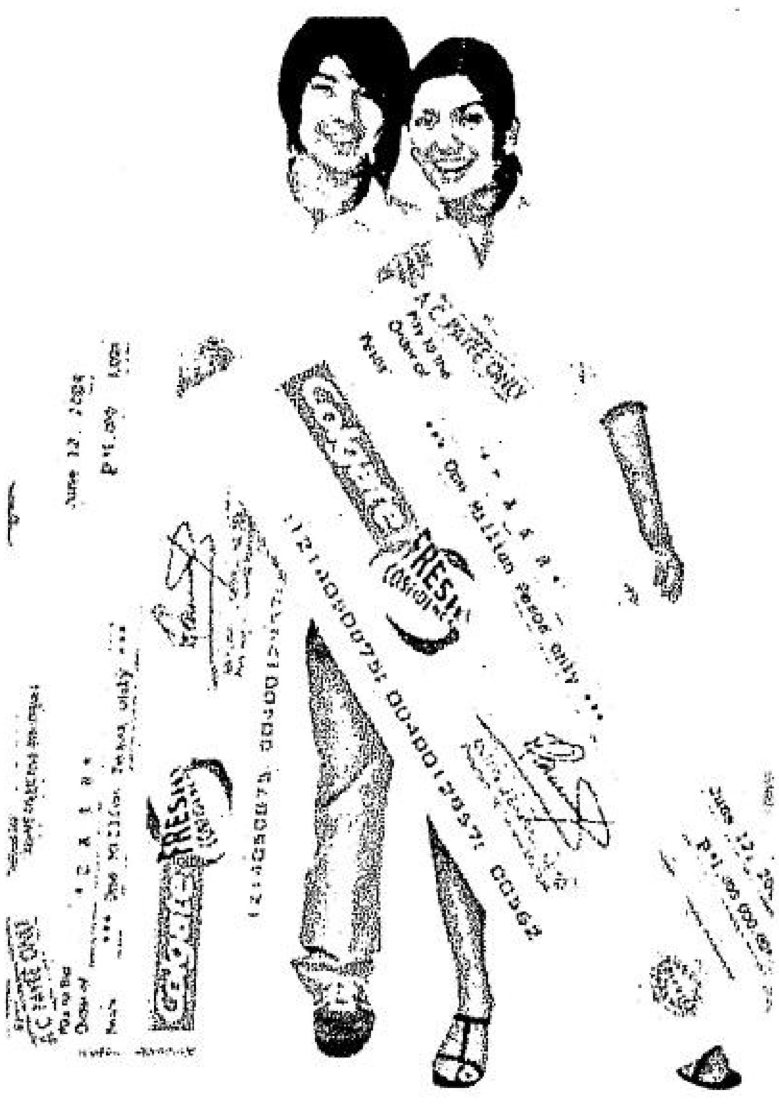
The Himig's winning piece included "Pamugun," a Maguindanao war song; "Tuksuhan," a courtship folk song from Luzon; and "Paraiso," a pop song composed by Ryan Cayabyab and popularized by the Smokey Mountain group.

The Himig singers are "a small yet very powerful" group, enthused the group's Arnold Alindada.

"The judges were crying while listening to the moving performance of the group. And the audience themselves were very much amazed by the group."

Before their performance, the Himig singers delivered a spiel to explain the meaning of their song.

The group has a total of 25 singers, but only 14 could attend the competition due to budget constraints, according to Alindada. *Dennis Jay C. Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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Their fellow Top 6 finalists were Beau Canlas, Jonathan Montaño, Gretchen Fullido and Belle Moncupa.

Indeed, "Trip Kita," hosted by Dominic Ochoa, yielded two of the most exciting discoveries in the biz today, the new faces of Colgate Fresh Confidence.

More than the usual talent search, "Trip Kita" also gave the finalists grueling challenges, some mental, others physical, scattered all over the Fiesta Islands.

In choosing the final two winners, 40 percent of their points were from the score in the final challenge in Palawan; 20 percent, the score from the past challenges; and 40 percent, the score from the final interview portion with the Colgate representative.

Both Marvin and Teresa are fresh and confident, fun-loving and fearless, modern and stylish, sporty and adventurous. Although they are conscientious students (he's taking up Management Economics at Ateneo; she's finishing Nursing at UERM), they also know how to relax and have a blast.

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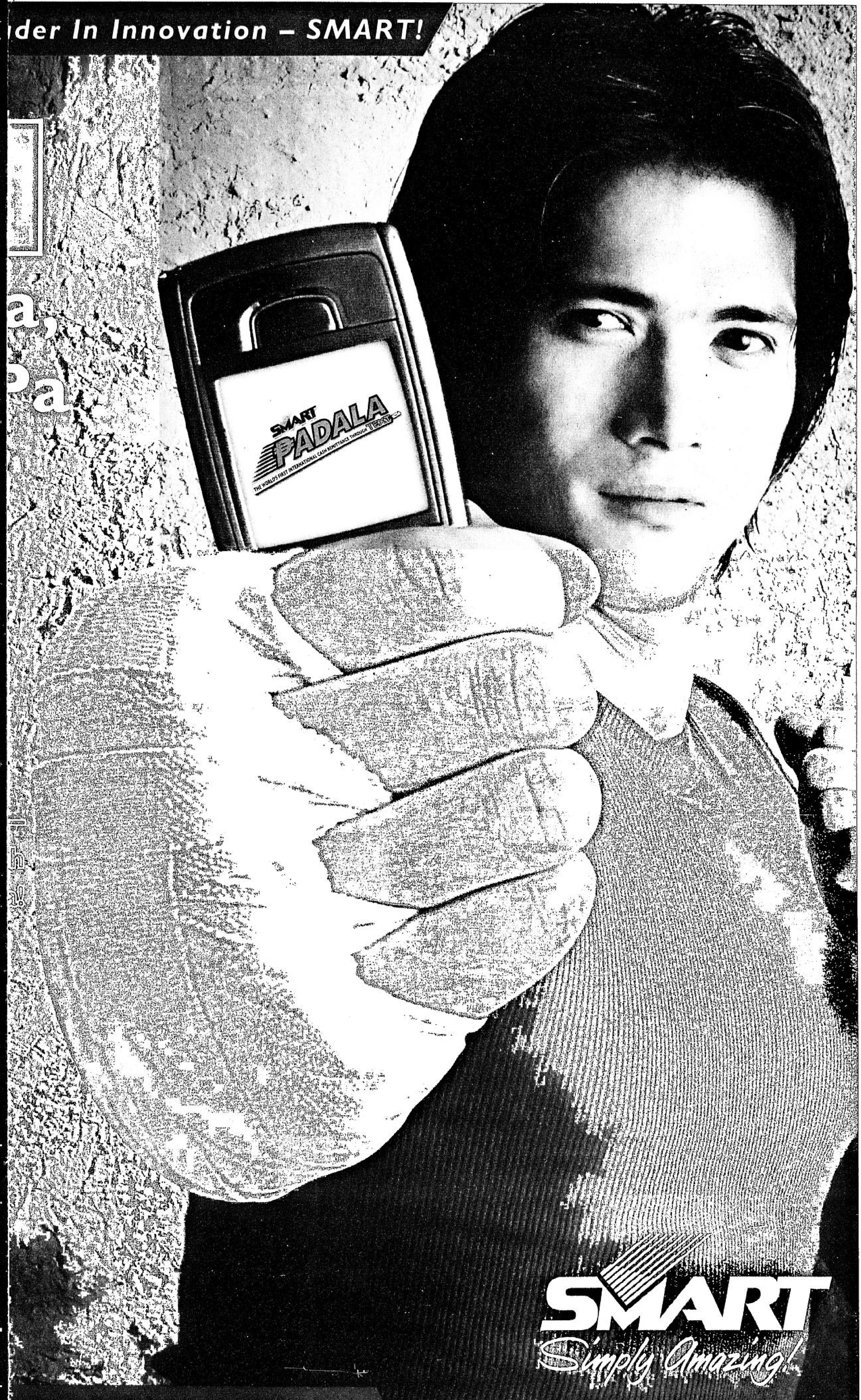
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A day in the life of the 'Sex and the City' women

By Peachy Vibal- Guioguio
Contributor

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HBO promised a fun-filled "Sex and the City" weekend of food, spa, yoga, shows and a party to more than a dozen entertainment journalists from the Philippines and Malaysia.

"In a nutshell, these activities represent the girls of 'Sex and the City' (SATC) who love to eat, drink, date, shop and talk," explained Caroline Wong, HBO Asia marketing manager. "We want you to experience their kind of lifestyle, even for just one weekend."

For those who are not familiar with SATC, its lead characters are Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte, whose candid views about love, relationships and sex have acquired them a loyal following since the HBO series premiered in Asia in 1998.

"Initially, SATC got a lot of flak from televiewers since it was the first time that a show, which openly discusses sex and relationships, was aired on television," said Wong. "But later on, it became such a huge hit and even earned an Emmy for Best Comedy Series, the first for any cable series in that category."

Passion for fashion

SATC has so far won five Emmys and six Golden Globes. Besides its great storyline, the genius of SATC is its fashion, according to both critics and fans. The show has set fashion trends such as the floral fabric brooches, the nameplate necklace and even the short shorts that Carrie wears on the show as she traverses the streets of New York. And there are, of course, the Manolo Blahniks and the Jimmy Choos that Carrie hordes. Even women, and men, who are not fashion-wise, are aware of these to-die-for brands, thanks to SATC.

The journalists were billeted at the newly opened Metropolitan Bangkok, a posh boutique hotel in the middle of Bangkok's financial district.

"Viewers of SATC know that the girls always go and sometimes billet in swanky hotels," said Wong. The Metropolitan, we later found out, was recently nominated by Business Asia magazine as one of the best new hotels in Asia.

So this is what a weekend is like for the SATC quartet:

The group of journalists was brought to Baan Khanitha restaurant, which offers Thai cuisine. If the food was any reliable gauge of what was yet to come, then this was going to be one weekend of good food, good company and who knew what more fun and surprises.

Emboldened

Saturday immediately after breakfast, the destination was the hotel's Como Shambala Spa, where the scents and the strokes of their signature Como Shambala massage could lull one to sleep. After the massage, the huge steaming jacuzzi gave a feeling of sheer tranquility.

The media group then proceeded to the hotel's presidential suite to view the maiden episode of SATC. In that initial episode, the four main characters were introduced, and sexual and social conventions were deconstructed. Since SATC was launched in June 1998, it has emboldened women to talk more freely about love, lust, sex, romance and relationships.

Lunch was at Glow organic restaurant, where Chef Amanda Gale impressed with her sumptuous creations of organic Mediterranean fusion. Each course was wiped out as soon as it was served.

Some episodes of SATC showed the girls watching fashion shows. In Season 4, Carrie was asked to join a fashion show. The journalists watched as live mannequins swayed and sashayed in front of them in Christian Diors' latest haute couture collection. There was no way we would wear those ready-to-wear clothes, but most of the women in the group were drooling over the Christian Dior bags and accessories.

At the hotel's Met Bar, the bartenders mixed their versions of drinks that Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte order in their favorite New York bar, while two episodes of SATC's sixth and final season were shown.

Full circle

To be aired on Aug. 17 at 10 p.m. exclusively on HBO, the fabulous four Manhattanites appear in the swan song of the series. Fans will see the girls come full circle, with each experiencing the panacea of friendships, the pain of heartbreaks and the pleasures of relationships.

Will Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) finally end up with Mr. Big (Chris Noth), or is she finally settling down with Alexander Petrovsky (Mikhail Baryshnikov) who invited her to join him in Europe? Will Charlotte (Kristin Davis) and new husband Harry Goldenblatt (Evan Handler) be able to conceive a child? Will Samantha (Kim Catrall) be able to stick to a monogamous relationship now that she is seeing the young hunk Smith Jerrod (Jason Lewis) who is smitten by her? And will Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) finally have the courage to admit that she's in love with Steve Brady (David Eigenberg), the father of her child?

And what is SATC without its signature party in a bar? For the last activity that Saturday in Bangkok, the media group was hauled off to this trendy and exclusive bar called Bed Supperclub. In one SATC episode, the girls went to this newly opened bar called Bed Club which has divans instead of the usual chairs. The same concept and theme was adapted by Bed in Bangkok. It had been a long, tiring Saturday and the sight of the bed and the pillows in the bar was so inviting the writers wanted to nap while waiting for the food to be served.

After the final season of SATC, Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte will surely be missed. During those three short, sweet days in Bangkok, we knew what it was like to be them.

THE "SATC" QUARTET. (From left) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Catrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon

THAI STYLE. Thai models in a Christian Dior show during the "SATC" weekend

'Soap princess' is a French-Filipino globetrotter and star material

SHOW STOPPER

PARIS-BASED French-Filipino globetrotter Valerie Bariou has the face that is launching thousands of bars of soap.

Valerie's well-chiseled face, aquiline nose, deep-set brown eyes and, of course, the soft, smooth silky-glowing skin adorn the boxes, print ads, posters and billboards of Herbana Green Papaya Soap.

The 22-year-old Eurasian is a relative newcomer to the modeling scene, having started when she was 19. When Herbana Green Papaya Soap approached her to become its image model, it didn't take long for her to say yes.

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When not jetting around the world for modeling assignments, Valerie says she engages in outdoor sports.

"I love volleyball, tennis, horseback riding, swimming, snorkeling and running," she says. "You name the sport and, most probably, I have already tried it at least once."

She also credits her active lifestyle for her 34-35-36 body. She does not diet, she says, as she enumerates her favorites: foie gras, sashimi, tiramisu, *lechon* and even *bagoong*. Japanese, Italian, French, Indian and, of course, Filipino cuisines are her favorites.

With her looks, it is a distinct possibility that show biz may soon beckon to Valerie. "That would be exciting," she says, "but I have to learn Filipino first." She also knows Spanish and a little Chinese.

"I don't have a boyfriend right now," she offers. "But I would love to be with someone romantic, sensitive, respectful and open-minded. He also has to love to travel and, if possible, must also know how to talk in many languages. And patient, he has to be patient."

VALERIE Bariou, the face that is launching thousands of bars of Herbana (below).

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Davao's Kadayawan festival to be seen by Pinoys worldwide

SHOW TIME

EXCITEMENT greeted ABS-CBN's Manila group as it arrived in Davao to shoot the Kadayawan 2004 festival music video. The network, after all, is airing the video and the festival coverage nationwide and worldwide.

The network's coverage of the Kadayawan, with the festival theme of "Du-aw Dabaw (Come visit Davao," is expected to boost Davao's tourism industry and its economy. The Kadayawan series features the talents of ABS-CBN Channel 2 and TV4-Davao.

The video is a gallery of Davao's breathtaking beaches, dance, *waling-waling* blooms, the majestic Philippine eagle, *durian* and pomelo and other world-class Davao products, the historical cathedral and centennial park, the glittering bar scene, and the city's business hub.

The station's creative communications management department teamed up with no less than the award-winning pair of director Topel Lee and cinematographer Odie Flores.

Lee directed the music video of Gloc's "Sayang," which won the best music video in MTV Pilipinas this year, and ABS-CBN's drama plug "Happy," which bagged the silver award in the Promax in New York.

Flores was the cinematographer of "Magnifico," the Maryo J. de los Reyes film which has garnered every available award in the industry and won awards, too, in foreign festivals.

Featuring music composed by Lito Camo, the video will be shown today before "ASAP Mania" on Channel 2, Studio 23, Myx, ANC, Lifestyle Network, Cinema One and all ABS-CBN regional stations.

Participants from all over Mindanao have been rehearsing, training and preparing for the festival's floral float parade, the traditional Bogobo horse fight, the river festival, the "Hiyas sa Kadayawan" pageant, the "Agongan ug Kulintangan" music competition, and the "Indak-Indak sa Dalan," among other festival activities.

More than a hundred dancers of the four-time festival winner Tribong Maharlika will be staying at their school, the Rizal Memorial Colleges, starting today to maximize their hours of practice for the "Indak-Indak sa Dalan." The group has been performing or competing in national and Asian dance festivals. Choreographer Arnold Alvarez promises stunning production design for the group, which will be dancing to a mix of ethnic and Latin melodies.

Kadayawan has ceased to be a festival for the people of Davao alone. ABS-CBN is making sure that it will be celebrated by Filipinos around the world.

'Dreamsounds 2' CD launched in bar tour

THE "DREAMSOUNDS 2" CD album will be launched in a series of shows in different music bars, featuring the Passage band and the acoustic duo Noah.

The series kicks off on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 8 p.m. at Strumm's, featuring Passage. The pop group will also be showcased at Friends at El Pueblo at the Ortigas Center on Aug. 19 and BG's along Pasay Road on Aug. 25. The last leg of the tour will feature Noah at Friends on Aug. 27.

Both Passage and Noah sing the most requested cuts on "Dreamsounds 2," which is from MCA Music Inc.

Released in major retail shops about a month and a half ago, "Dreamsounds 2" topped the sales charts with its carrier song, "Dream of Me," recorded by Kirsten Dunst of "Spider-man."

The album contains R&B hits played every night from 10 p.m. to midnight over Wave 89.1.

The "Dreamsounds 2" album includes "Without You" by Charlie Wilson, "Visions of a Sunset" by Shawn Stockman, "Whenever, Wherever, Whatever" by Maxwell, "Miss You" by Aaliyah, "Don't Wanna Try" by Frankie J., "Doin' Just Fine" by Boyz II Men and "Stick Around" by Azure.

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Film fest committee should watch films, not just read scripts, says Unitel

By Leah C. Salterio
Contributor

"CRYING Ladies" producer Tony Gloria, who bagged the best picture plum in last year's Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF), did not field any entries this year because he feels the festival's executive committee has changed a lot of rules.

Gloria said his Unitel Pictures could have submitted the screenplay of Laurice Guillen's "Santa-Santita," a film starring Angelica Panganiban and Jericho Rosales, which has only five remaining shooting days to go.

"We decided earlier on that we would not submit any entry to this year's MMFF," Gloria told INQUIRER Entertainment in an exclusive interview. "The film fest committee judges the films based on their screenplays. I feel that they should see the films and judge them on the basis of merit. That was how it was before."

"CRYING LADIES" brought Gloria's Unitel last year's film fest best picture award.

Hanging on

Despite the warnings of doomsayers, Gloria believes that the local movie industry is far from dying.

"What needs to die are the wrong practices," he said. "We should know destruction and creation. You cannot create without destroying. Paying exorbitant fees to the stars—that has to be destroyed. Stars have to agree to a pay cut. Stars and producers have got to help each other to revive the film industry. TV is so alive. The new and the old people can co-exist. You cannot wipe out everybody."

The Filipino film industry, said Gloria, "is hanging on."

He said, "Charles Dickens, in his opening to 'A Tale of Two Cities,' wrote, 'It's the best of times. It's the worst of times.' I believe that is what's happening to the local movie industry today."

Solution

Echoing the lament of other producers whose entry failed to make it to this year's final eight participants, Gloria said he also feels the committee should only allow one film per producer.

Some producers and directors are crying foul and have accused the film fest committee of adjusting rules and regulations to favor certain producers over the others.

"I can offer a solution," said Gloria. "The industry is in a bad shape. There has to be a balance in choosing the film fest entries. Theater owners, who can determine a potential blockbuster, should decide the four official entries, while a committee composed of credible members of the film industry should choose the other four.

"But that's not saying the members of this year's MMFF committee are not credible," he added.

Four out of the eight films in the festival in December are said to be produced by Regal matriarch Lily Monteverde: MAQ Films' "Mano Po 3" starring Vilma Santos, Regal Films' "Que Sera Sera" with Kris Aquino, BasFilm Pictures' "Aishite Masu" with Judy Ann Santos and Raymart Santiago, and Mega-Vision's "Sigaw," starring Richard Gomez, Jomari Yllana and Iza Calzado.

Monteverde's daughter, Rochelle, however, clarified that BasFilm Pictures and Mega-Vision are not connected with Regal Films.

Great concept

The other four final entries are Canary Films' "Bulong," directed by Joey Reyes; "Panaghoy sa Suba" from Cesar Montano; Viva Films' "Lastikman," directed by Mac Alejandre; and OctoArts Films' "Enteng Kabisote," starring Vic Sotto and directed by Tony Reyes.

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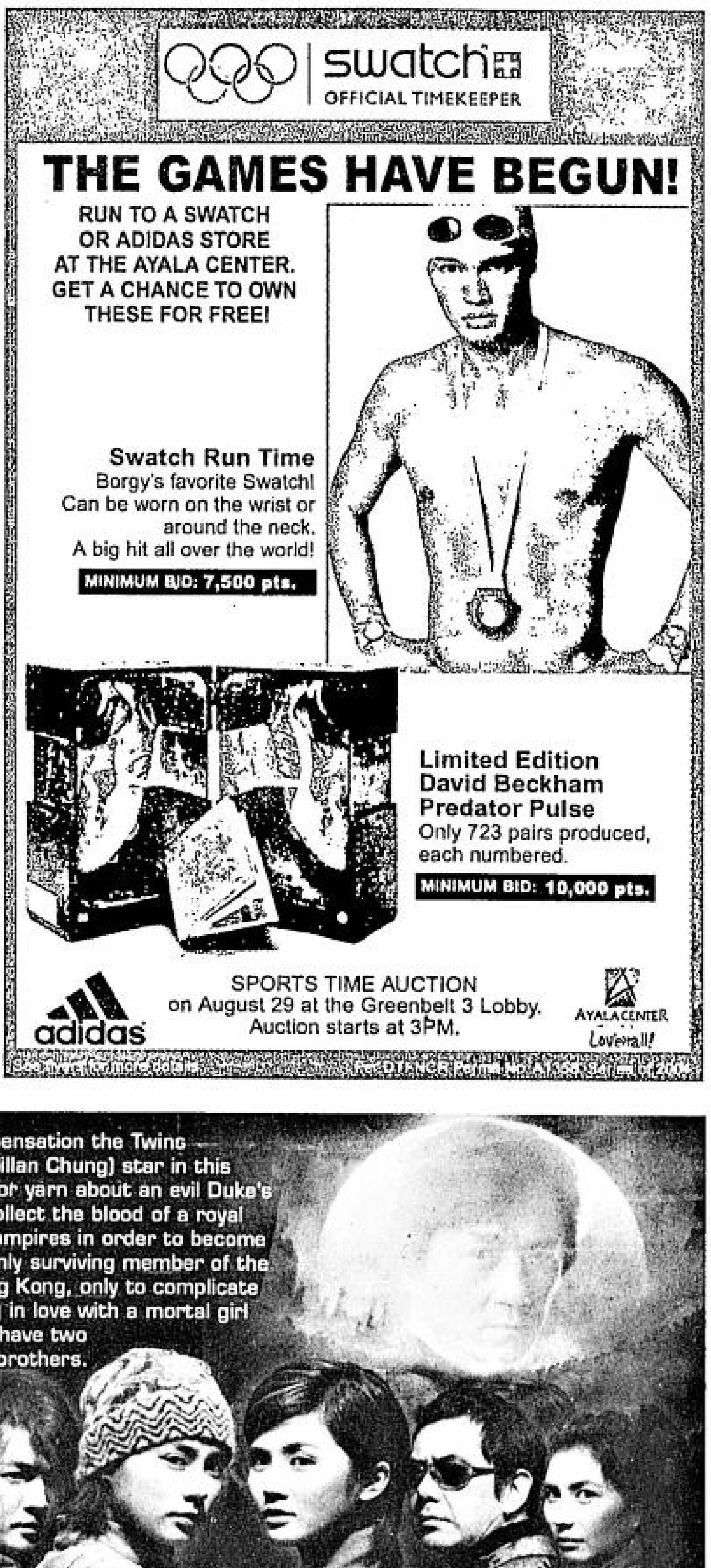

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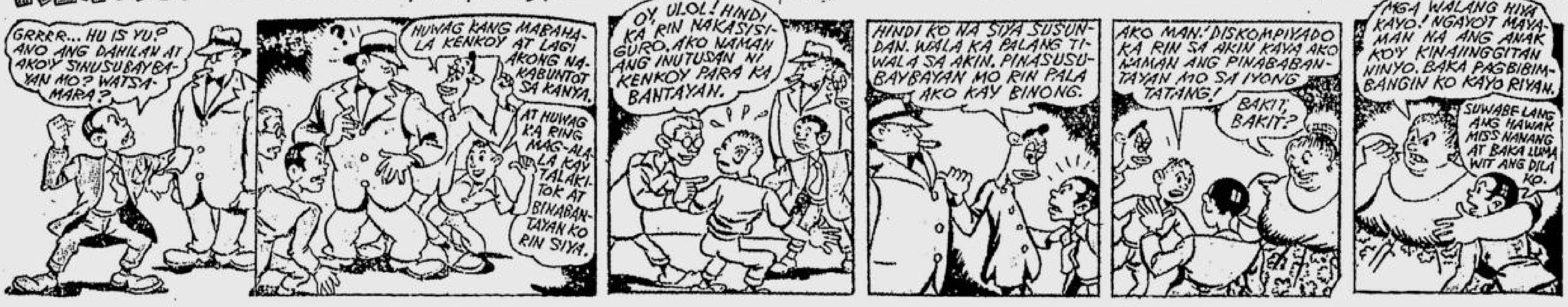
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Laurice Guillen shoots modern Magdalene story

VIEWFINDER

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(Conclusion)

LAURICE Guillen continues to talk about her new film, "Santa-Santita," which she's currently shooting:

"Due to the impasse regarding the choice of lead actress, we decided to put off shooting the project for Star Cinema. But, it continued to gestate. Next, **Tony Gloria's** Unitel came into the picture. But we continued to have problems with casting.

"All told, I auditioned more than 30 actresses for the movie's title role. Tony was partial to casting an older actress, but I like the idea of a young girl who was really *maldita*.

"People kept sending me photos of sexy starlets, and I kept turning them down. There *is* a sexy scene in the script, but what about when the character became good? I needed an actress above all else.

"So, after a very long search, we chose **Angelica Panganiban** as our *santa-santita*—and we're very happy with our decision.

How is the shooting phase coming along? "Despite the rains and rescheduling problems, we're very pleased with what we've shot. I've always been challenged by the script's material, but it's difficult to tackle because it's about faith. I can't make mistakes in interpretation.

"The script's major characters are the girl, Malen; the "devilish" young man played by **Jericho Rosales**, and the troubled priest, portrayed by **Johnny Delgado**.

"All the elements are here. We're making no compromises. Unitel is giving us full support, and complete autonomy.

"Our film has a good playdate this November. It's already been invited to Pusan and other festivals. So, everything is looking up.

"We just want to point out, however, that 'Santa-Santita' is not just a religious film. We're dealing with *sinners*, whose are found in the gospels.

"Personally, I am especially excited about this film. *Gusto ko na siyang makita!* Before, it was hypothetical, all in my head. But now, we only have a few days of shooting left, so our long wait is about to end.

"Jericho's character is also particularly interesting and challenging here. He becomes the antithesis to the Santa, the nemesis. But, in the end, he's arrested. He's a portrait of the devil as seducer!

"As for Angelica, she's very good as the *maldita*. As the *santa*, the part of the character with deeper and more complex scenes, I guide her."

What does the director want viewers to "get" from watching "Santa-Santita"? "More enlightenment while they are being entertained. Greater consciousness about God's word. That the Church is a community of sinners who are trying to be saints!

"*Kung si* Jesus Christ *nga namatay para sa atin* because he loves all of us, so too should we love and have compassion for each other. It's always a struggle, but the point is, you struggle!"

Let's all make it a point to watch "Santa-Santita when it opens this November!

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Marimba virtuoso

AT 5 p.m. today, Sunday, "Concert at the Park" features marimba virtuoso **Thristan Mendoza**, with **Ruby Salvosa** at the piano.

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Film fest committee...

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Gloria, however, insists he is not closing his doors on the MMFF.

"Even if we didn't join this year, it doesn't mean that we're not joining next year," he said. "The film festival concept is great. It's a good tradition because for two weeks, they show only Filipino films in local theaters. But I believe that a producer should make movies that he should be proud to watch. If you cook something, we should be able to eat it, too.

"Crying Ladies" was not Gloria's first film fest entry as a film producer. In 1994, his "Gaano Kita Kamahal," the true-to-life story of Rolando Suclad, was one of the official entries. The film did not make it to the Top 3 best picture choices, but in the awards derby the following year, "Gaano Kita Kamahal," directed by Butch Perez, was adjudged best picture in the Star Awards for Movies and also landed in the Top 5 best picture list of the Film Academy of the Philippines (FAP).

Filmed with a budget of P20 million, "Crying Ladies" grossed P65 million in the country. Through Gloria's marketing and distribution arm, Unico Entertainment, the film was also shown abroad where it earned rave reviews from foreign film critics.

Aside from winning best picture in last year's Metro Manila Film Festival, the Sharon Cuneta starrer also bagged the best supporting actress award for Hilda Koronel, the best supporting actor award for Eric Quizon, the best child actor award for Julio Pacheco and the best director trophy for Mark Meily, who made his directorial debut in the film.

Script-driven

Gloria also clinched the worldwide distribution of Maryo J. de los Reyes' award-winning opus, "Magnifico" and Ramona Diaz's "Imelda," the controversial documentary of Philippines' former first lady.

To date, Gloria said, "Imelda" has grossed P16.5 million in Manila alone. The documentary is set to have its theatrical exhibition in Singapore next month, and may be shown commercially in Japan, Korea and Taiwan. It was also bought by art houses in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Gloria said Unitel Pictures produces films only if the scripts are good. "We don't have any target dates to produce or release movies, because we are script-driven," he said. "If there's a good script, we will try to raise the money, but even if the money is there and there's no good script, we won't make any movie."

"Santa-Santita" is set to be shown in November, according to Gloria.

Another film in the can is Meily's "Penitencia Republic," starring Robin Padilla as a nurse's aid/ driver who dreams of becoming an American citizen. The story happens during Holy Week and is told in *pasyon* form.

Gloria said he has three upcoming joint production ventures with Sharon Cuneta, starting with "Comedy King," which will topbill Dolphy and will be directed by Jun Reyes.

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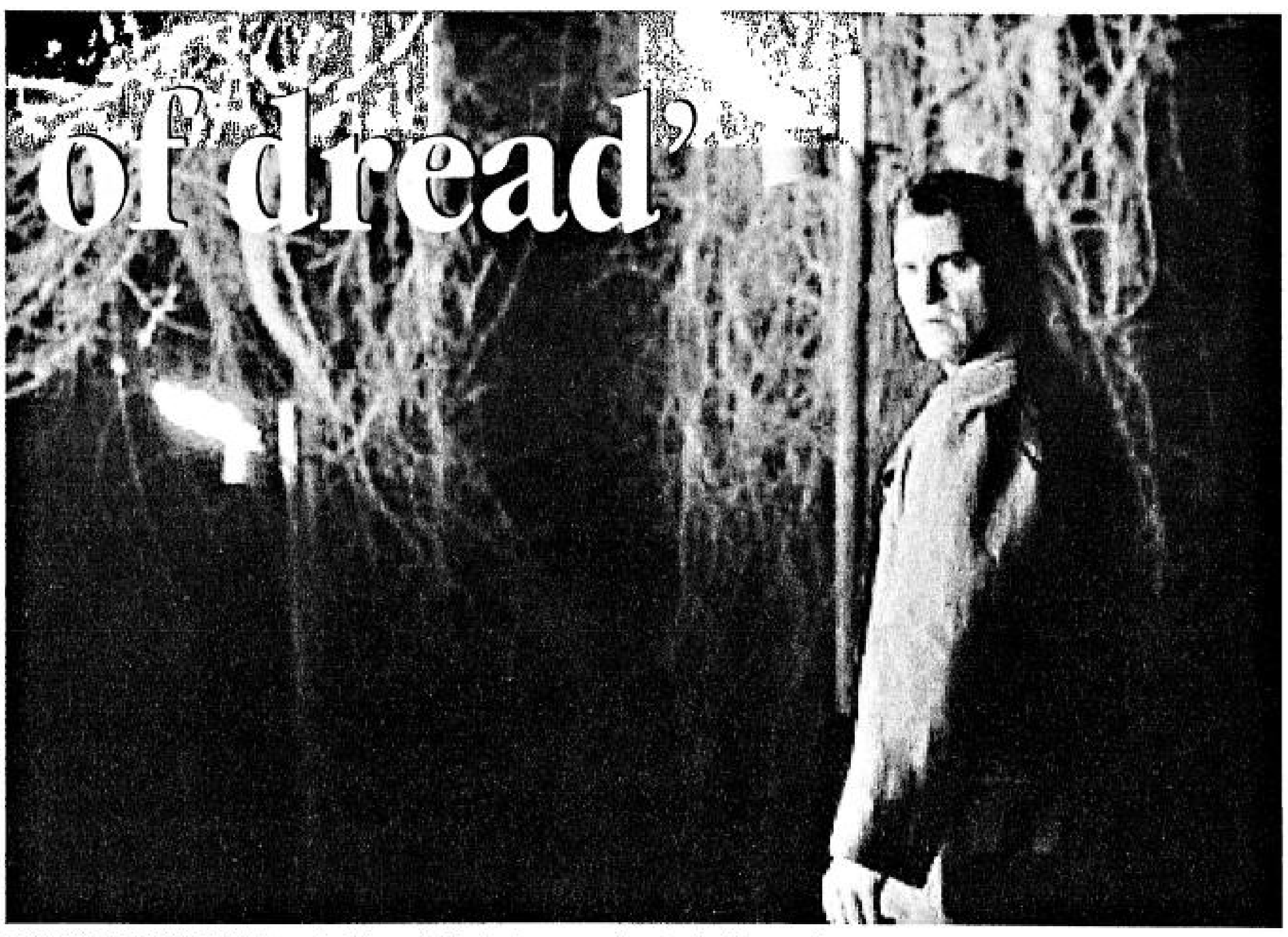
M. NIGHT SHYAMALAN

'Poet laureate of dread'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NIGHT IN THE MORNING. Shyamalan (right) interviewed by author

JANET R. NEPALES

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NEW YORK—"Indians say, 'We're so proud of you,' which makes me feel like I have a billion moms and dads who make sure that I don't put a sex scene in my movies," M. Night Shyamalan says with a laugh.

Night, crowned as "Hollywood's poet laureate of dread" in a recent Los Angeles Times article, does not have the brooding, grim personality to go with the title or with the distinctive thrillers that he has made, beginning with "The Sixth Sense," which won Oscar nominations for best picture as well as best director and best original screenplay nominations for himself.

Instead, it's easy to imagine the 6-foot-tall Night as the life of a party, telling jokes and stories, mirthful anecdotes, not the quiet tales of dread he writes and directs for the screen. This morning, Night is wearing a bright white cotton shirt and jeans, his beautiful Indian eyes alert and smiling.

"I want to make them (Indians) proud," he says. "I kind of picture my grandma among them. It's a big deal to them. When a movie comes out there (in India), they applaud like crazy when my name comes up. It's fun, heartwarming and you feel like you can't let them down. It's that immigrant feeling." Night, who as a child moved with his family from India to the US, laughs again.

"Yes, my work is probably connected to the spirituality of the Indian culture," confirms the son of two doctors who was raised Hindu but attended a Catholic grade school. His parents expected him to take a pre-med course but he enrolled at NYU's film school instead.

"My mom does the *pujas* (Hindu religious rituals) and all that stuff to get rid of the ghost in the basement," he says. "It's a fact in our life. That acceptance is in me somewhere and then it comes out in this manner and in the stories. It doesn't even feel like locked into supernatural so much as an expression of the culture."

Originality as a weapon

Of his eerie yet melancholic films, Night, who has made 45 short films by age 16, clarifies, "I don't think of my films as horror movies at all. I make suspenseful movies. There's a very fine line between a thriller and a horror. When a movie becomes a horror, you lose your audience and it just becomes (a movie for) teenage boys.

"All I care about are the characters. The main weapon that we have, the reason that we can release these movies which are character-driven in the summer, is the originality. You can't know what my movies are like unless you went to them, whereas with most movies, in your head you can have a pretty accurate picture of what the movie is. I hope the original voice has been the reason for the attention (given to my movies)."

Night's entry in the current US summer movie season is "The Village," the tale of a community that lives in isolation because scary creatures lurk in the surrounding forests. Night, who is 33 and married, also resides near the woods.

"The Village" opened number one in the box-office with a take of $50.8 million.

He has been quoted as saying that he was inspired by Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights." Although he turned down an offer to direct a film adaptation of that 19th century novel, re-reading that book influenced him.

There is a compelling love story in "The Village" which could be a movie by itself were it not for Night's inclination for the thriller genre. He gushes about the 19th century setting of this romance, a love triangle that engages when the villagers are not busy running or hiding from the creatures.

"I want to live in a time period when people said what they meant and without sarcasm," he says. "And when it was necessary to ask your sister's permission for marriage. I love that world where a guy could say, the world moves for love, and kneels before it in awe. I want to live in a world where you can say that and believe it. That idea formed the story of this movie."

It didn't hurt Night to cast fine actors to help him tell his story. He declares, "I hired Scott Rudin as a producer to challenge me and hire William Hurt, Adrien Brody and Sigourney Weaver, some of the great film and theater actors of our time, to make sure that I am not insulating myself in a way. I didn't want to feel comfortable. I was terrified coming to the set with these actors. It's a scary thing to put yourself vulnerably out there. Your nature is to protect yourself but creatively, that's not a good thing to do. Safe places could be compromising."

Kirsten Dunst could have joined the formidable cast. But it was probably providential that the plum role of a blind girl went instead to a terrific new actress, Bryce Dallas Howard, director and ex-actor Ron Howard's daughter.

The same things

Night reveals how shaken he was when Kirsten had to bow out and then how he came to discover Bryce. He intimates, "Kirsten is an amazing actress. I really love her. We just could not work out the schedule with all the movies she was doing. We were both heartbroken about it. We were both practically in tears. But life shows you the way.

"I didn't audition Bryce because this is all about complete faith and magic. For me, she literally represents magic in the world. I wrote something like that to her. She really is the evidence of the supernatural. That's what she is to me."

We hope that someday Night will write and direct a straight drama, action or love story, without any supernatural elements involved. He is certainly capable of piquing and sustaining our interest, even minus creatures in red or malevolent aliens.

But when someone asks Night about his next project (there was talk before of him adapting the novel "Life of Pi" to the screen), he laughs and replies, "Yes, I am working on another project. It does unfortunately have some supernatural element in it. But I don't feel locked into the supernatural genre at all. I could do anything.

"But when I look at the little movies I did when I was 10 and 11, they all have the same things in it. I was just goofing around and making movies that were three minutes long where somebody bangs his head and suddenly he has telekinesis, he can move things on the table and then you see the string pulling the things (he laughs again).

"I can tell a romance or a drama but it's just that every time I sit down to write, it (the supernatural element) comes out. I believe in these things."

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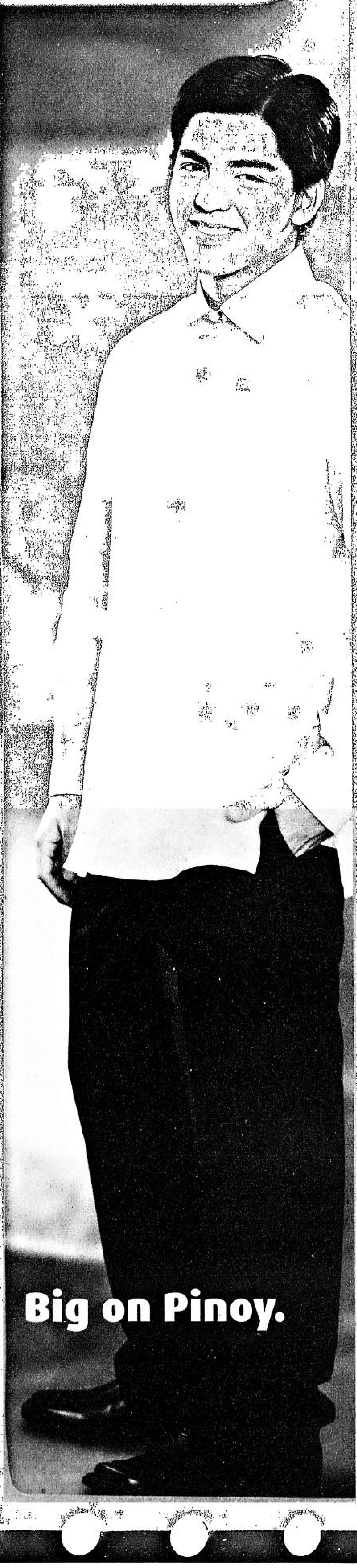
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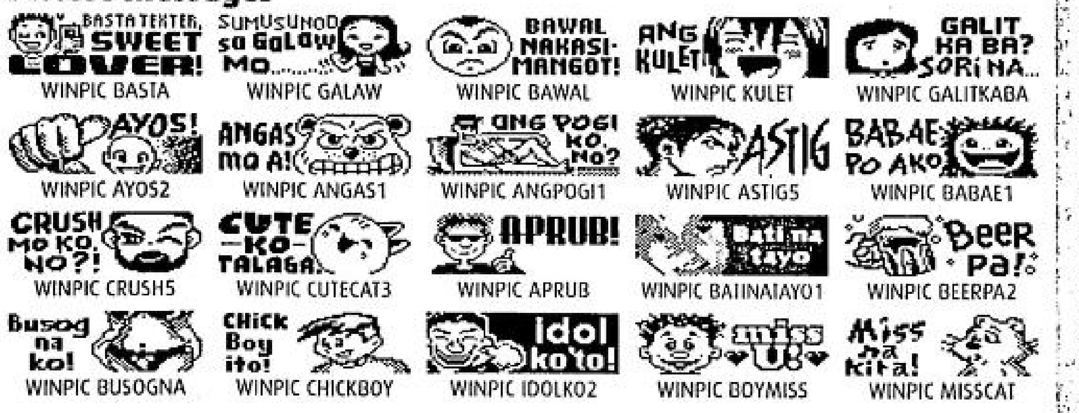

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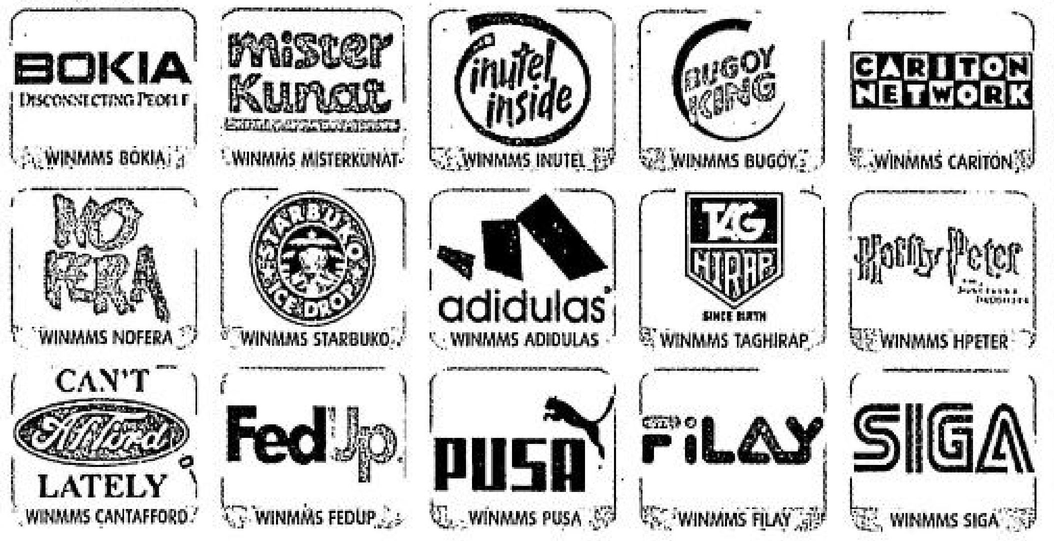

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Balisong	*Rivermaya*	**WINPOLY BALISONG**
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Twin Hearts	*Sarah Geronimo*	**WINPOLY TWNHEARTS**
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What If	*Nina*	**WINPOLY WATIF**
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Long Distance	*Salbakuta*	**WINPOLY LONGDISTNCE**
Kung Mahal Mo Sya	*Jay-R*	**WINPOLY KUNGMAHAL**
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Hands To Heaven	*Christian Bautista*	**WINTONE HANDS2HVN**
Sasakyan	*K & The Boxers*	**WINTONE SASAKYAN**
Noypi	*Bamboo*	**WINTONE NOYPI**
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Bulaklak	*Viva Hotbabes*	**WINTONE BULAKLAK**
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Kung Mahal Mo Sya	*Jay-R*	**WINTONE KUNGMAHAL**
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Alab Ng Puso	*Rivermaya*	**WINTONE ALABNGPUSO**
I'm Sorry	*Bituin Escalante*	**WINTONE IMSORRY**
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Kanlungan	*Noel Cabangon*	**WINTONE KANLUNGAN**
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To market, to market we shall go

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SHOPPING will become an adventure with the opening soon of a 150,000-sq m retail heaven to challenge the determined bargain hunters. Yes, it's a shopping mall where shoppers can actually haggle with the storekeepers.

From the fruits of Sto. Cristo to the export overruns of Greenhills, from the flowers of Dangwa to the chinaware in Tutuban—all these will be retailed in a budget-friendly shopping paradise with all the comfort, con-

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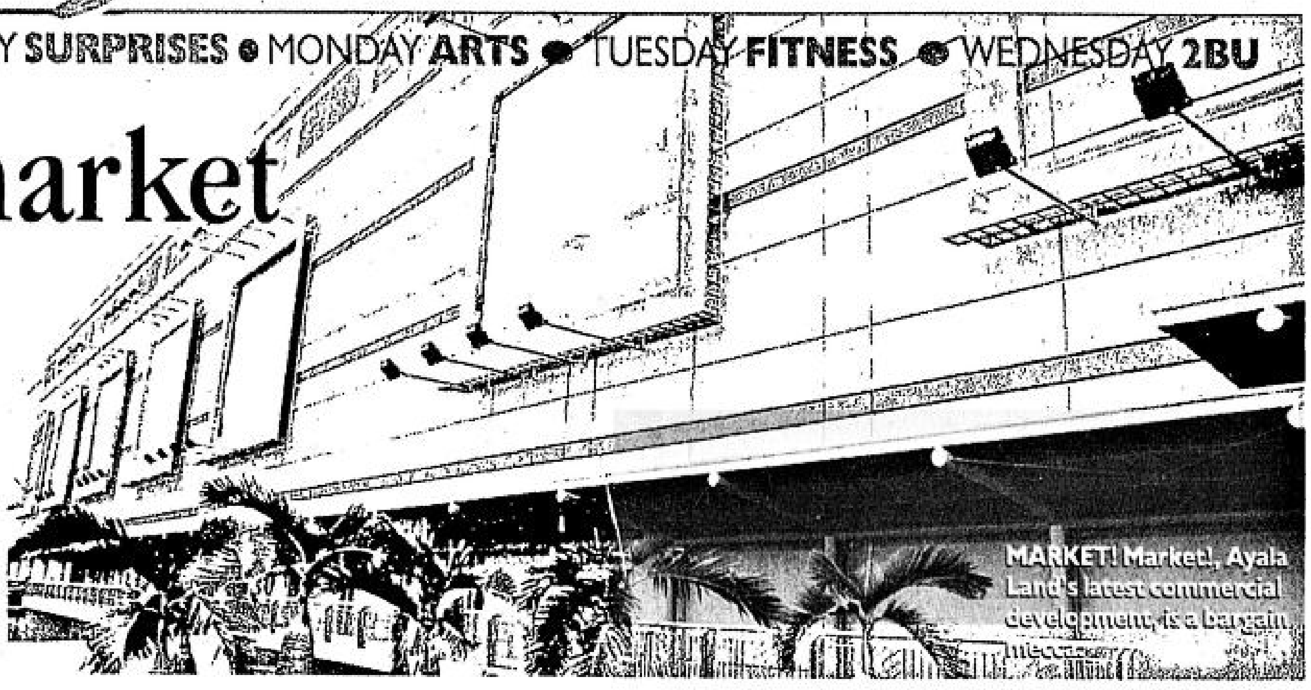

MARKET! Market!, Ayala Land's latest commercial development, is a bargain mecca.

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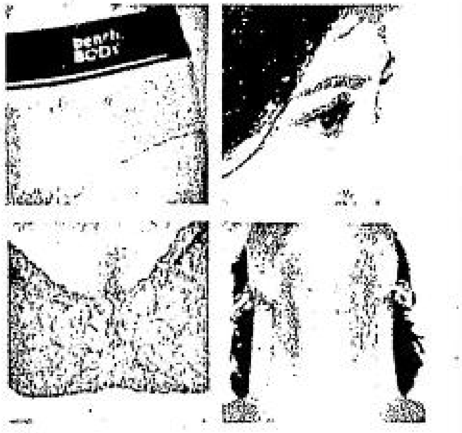

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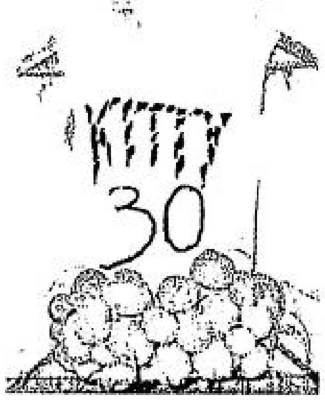

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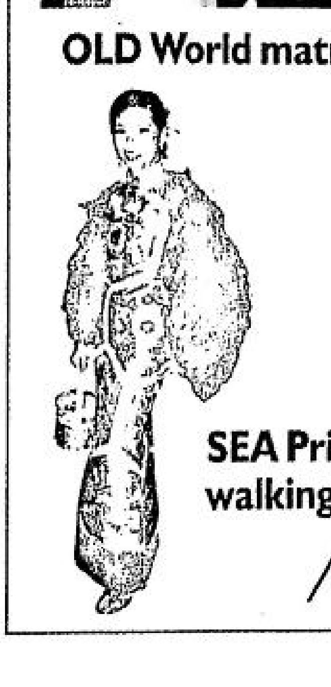

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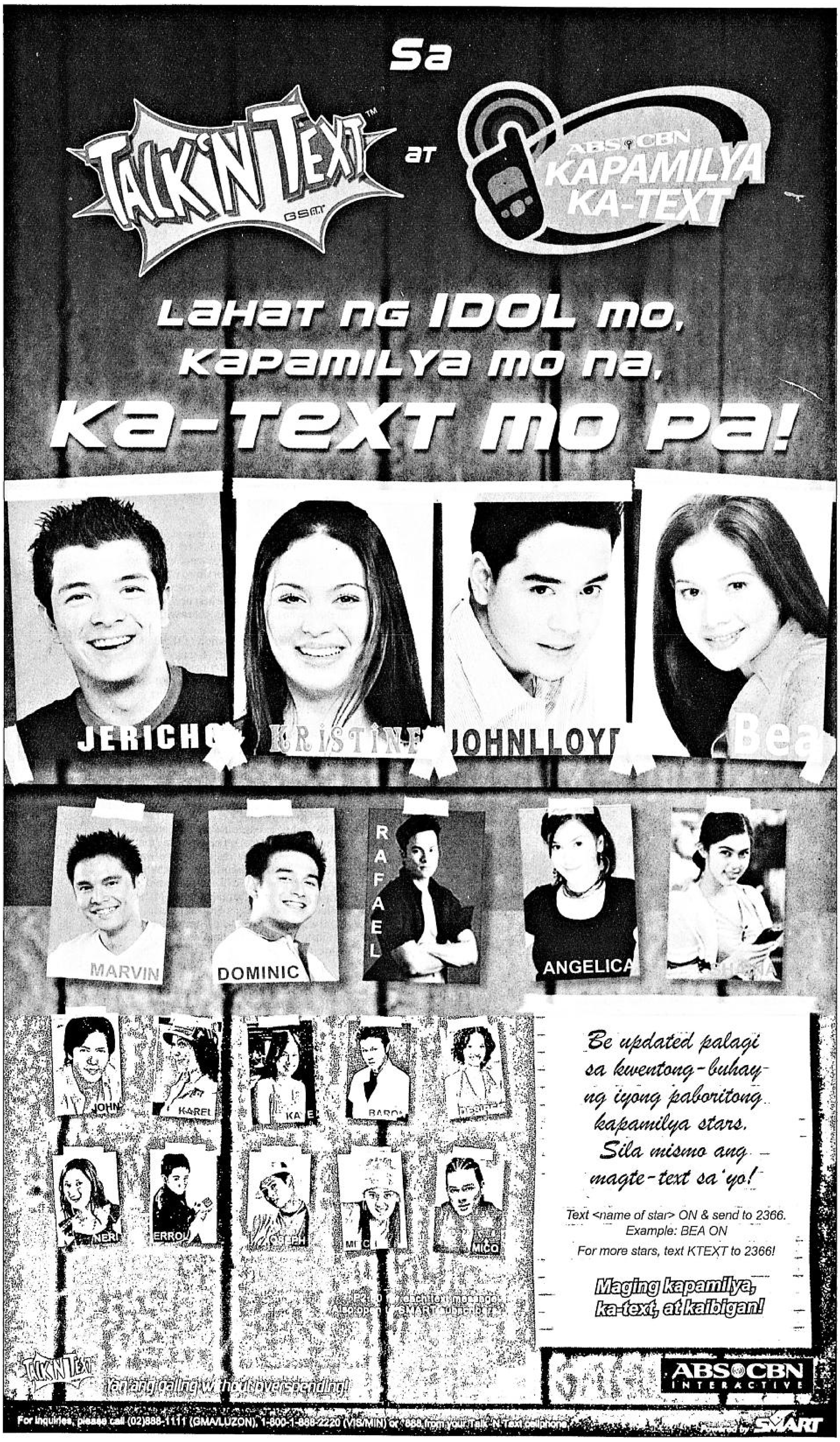

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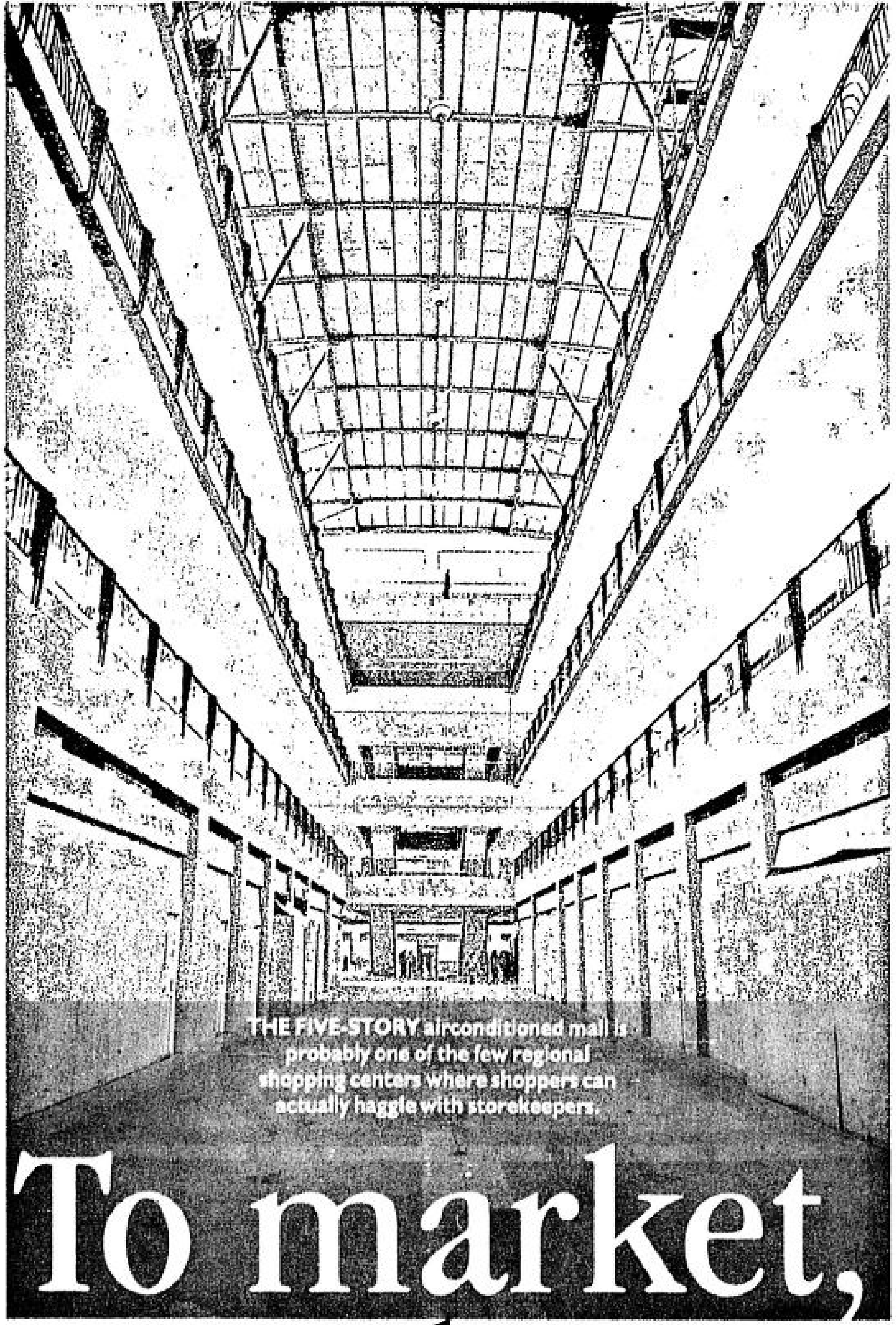

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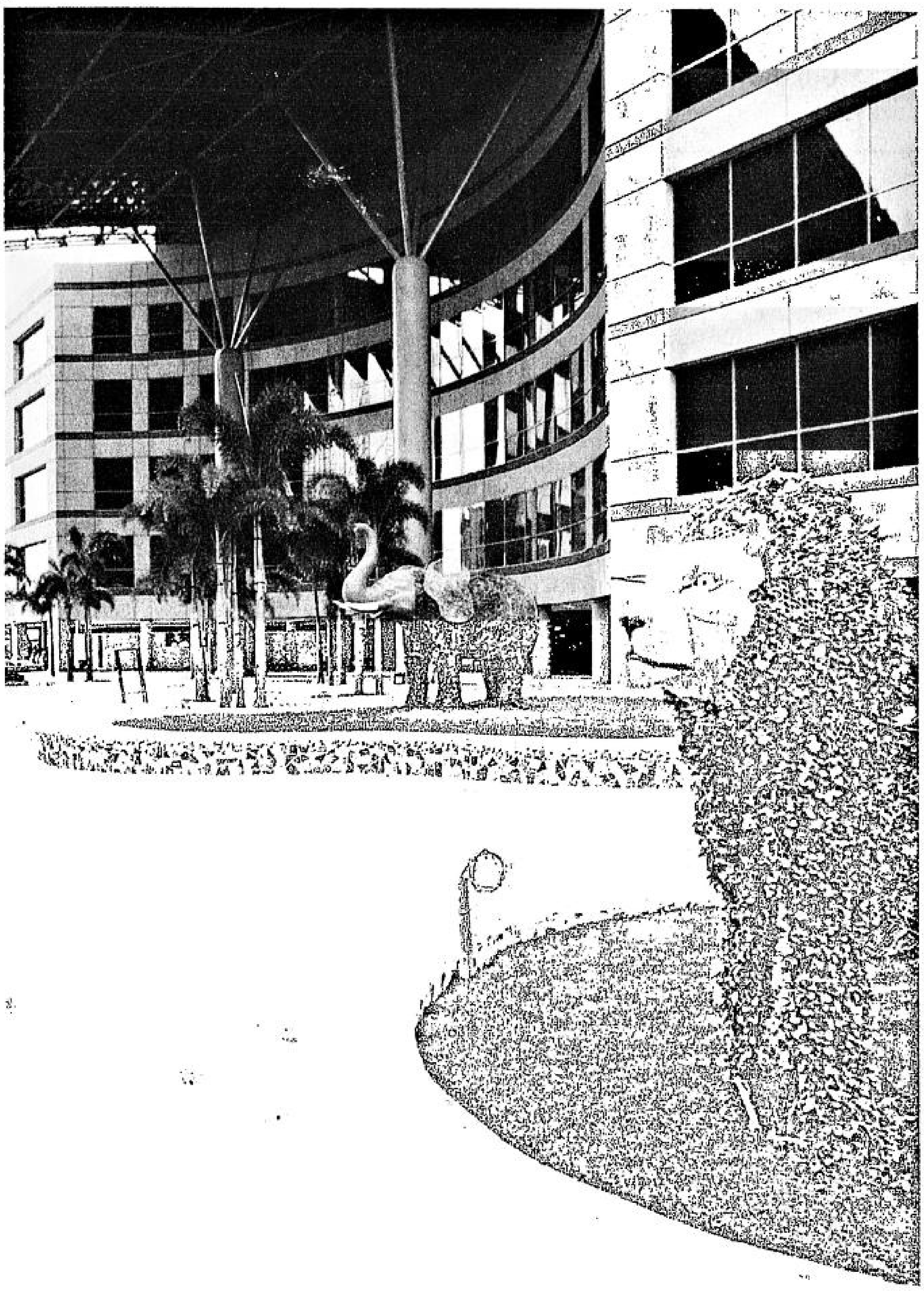

IN TRUE Ayala Land fashion, the mall's landscape is made softer with patches of greenery.

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venience and security of a regular mall.

Aptly named Market! Market! for being twice as nice, this unique concept will house 600 small, specialty bargain shops where consumers can quibble with the merchants to their hearts' content for the best deal possible. For those who don't bargain, there will be 300 fixed-price retail shops.

Located near the C5 section of the Bonifacio Global City, The Fort, Taguig, Market! Market! is yet another brainchild of Ayala Land Corp., this time with shoppers-on-a-budget in mind. Aside from the familiar fastfood outlets, cinemas and other mall staples such as Mercury Drugstore, National Book Store, Blim's Furniture and Abenson Appliances, Market! Market! will also be the home of Metro Gaisano Department Store and Supermarket, one of the most successful retailers in the South.

For bargain seekers

"The desire to come out with new products that will excite the market is something that is very strong in us. We realized there was a need need to provide affordable merchandise for shoppers who would like to go around and really hunt for great bargains," says Market! Market! general manager Francis Roxas.

This will be Metro Gaisano Department Store and Supermarket's first venture in Metro Manila. Roxas says the retail giant of the south has a good partnership with Ayala Center Cebu. It was the southern chain's track record that prompted Ayala Land to invite them here.

"The Cebu market is a very, very tough and demanding market. I think the Metro Gaisano [group] has been great in responding to that type of market. That's what we expect them to bring to our shopping center—the ability to know what the market wants and to provide products at great value," Roxas says.

Metro Gaisano, continues Roxas, may be bringing in a few Cebu products. While many of the goods they will offer will probably be found everywhere, the big difference, Roxas says, is product pricing. Metro Gaisano's strength has always been in retailing very affordable items.

Divisoria in mall

Roxas adds that, by putting together bargain shops from the metropolis under one roof such as the Market! Market! where everything is planned and well-organized, an orderly and appealing environment is created for hassle-free shopping. No need to jostle elbows with impatient, energetic shoppers in Divisoria searching for inexpensive textile. Market! Market! will have its share of retailers from the popular bargain destination as well.

Haggling, one of the benefits people will enjoy at Market! Market!, will be the main feature of the Fiesta Market section patterned after the hawkers sections in Singapore and Malaysia. It combines regular mall shops with stores one can't find in, well, regular malls. "The closest retail format (to ours) is really the market, although we are more than that. This is a hybrid shopping center," Roxas says.

And on Fridays and Saturdays, from the break of dawn till 2 p.m., there will be a Weekend Market with farm-fresh produce such as organic and non-organic vegetables, assorted fruits, native delicacies, fresh seafood, flowers, ornamental plants, etc.

Accessible

Transportation to the mall should not be a problem, Roxas says. A public transport terminal, similar to that in Glorietta, will service Taguig and Makati. A line of Tamaraw FX's will be connecting major points in the city. Already there are jeepneys connecting Market! Market! to Guadalupe, Taguig, Bicutan and Makati.

Opening Sept. 16, just in time for the start of the Yuletide season in the country, Market! Market! will host "Pasko! Pasko!" An array of Christmas decor, *parol*, lights, trees, wrappers and gift items will fill the mall's racks every Friday and Saturday, 5-10 p.m.

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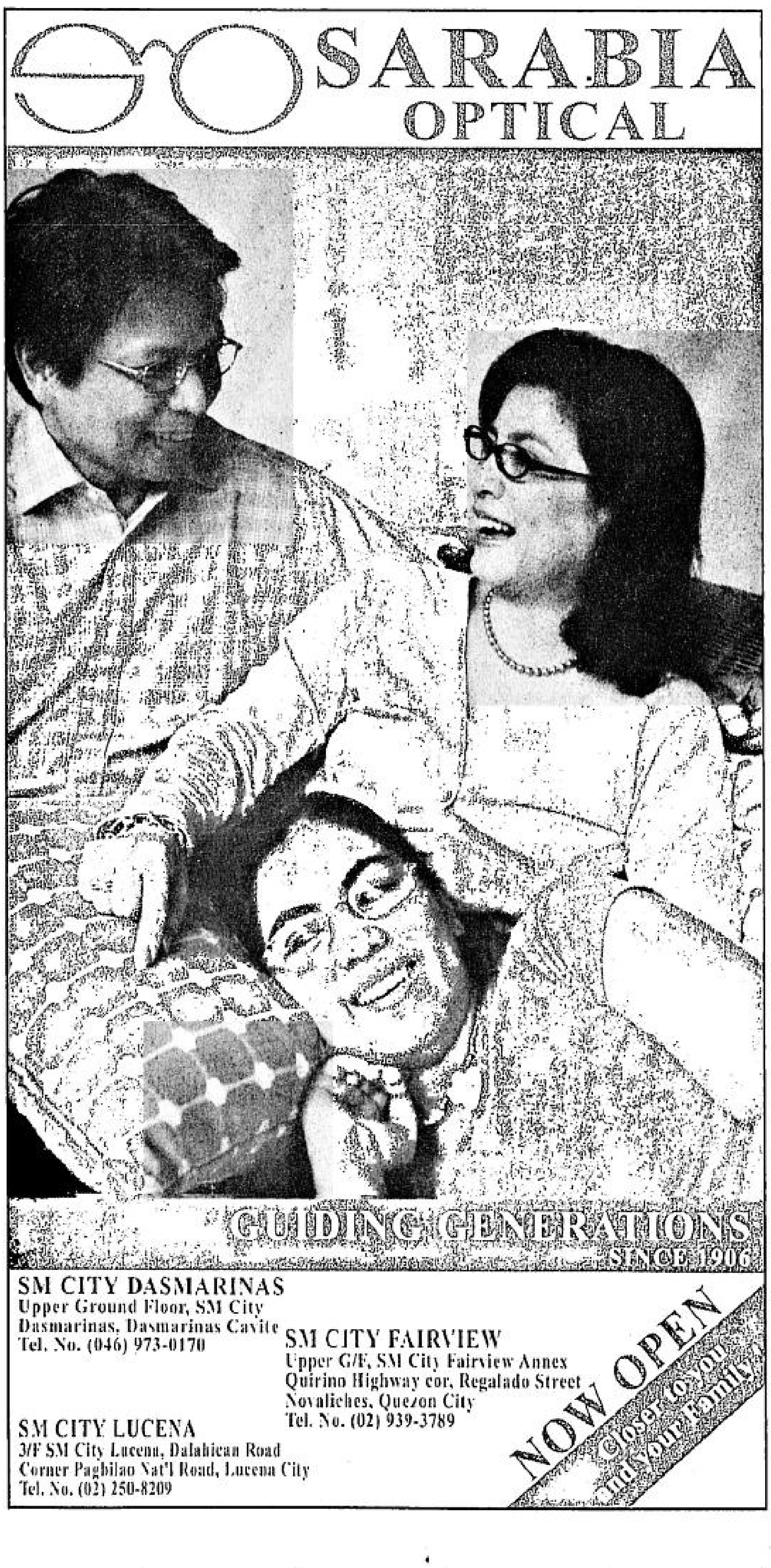

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10 most outstanding teachers recognized

METROBANK Foundation executive director Aniceto M. Sobrepeña announced recently that 10 teachers from different parts of the country emerged as winners in this year's Metrobank Foundation Search for Outstanding Teachers.

The awardees for the elementary level are Annabelle S. Catimbang of the Iriga City Division, Integrated Special School, Iriga City; Meilrose B. Peralta of Kidapawan City Pilot Elementary School, Kidapawan City; Lina L. Jala of Triple Union Elementary School, Loboc, Bohol; and Josephine C. Deligente of Fernando Ma. Guerrero Elementary School, Paco, Manila.

The awardees for the secondary level are Allan M. Canonigo of New Ormoc City National High School, Ormoc City; Genersol G. Monton of Fort Bonifacio High School, Makati City; Mariecon G. Ramirez of Ilocos Norte National High School, Laoag City; and Noel G. Solis of Zamboanga del Norte National High School, Dipolog City.

For the higher education level, the awardees are Dr. Antonio Miguel L. Dans of the University of the Philippines-Manila and Dr. Manuel B. Dy Jr. of the Ateneo de Manila University, QC.

ALLAN M. Canonigo

The names of the awardees were released after the final board of judges, chaired by Rep. Roilo S. Golez of the 2nd district of Parañaque City and co-chaired by Sen. Pilar Juliana S. Cayetano and Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonio T. Carpio, held a series of interviews with the 20 finalists.

In this year's search, the cities of Iriga, Ormoc, Laoag and Dipolog each produced their first-ever winners.

The winners were chosen for their outstanding contributions to the teaching profession, personal integrity and character, instructional competence, and professional and community involvement. They will be presented to President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang, where the President will confer their gold medallions.

Each winner will also receive a trophy and a cash prize of P200,000 (increased from P150,000 last year) in ceremonies highlighting Metrobank's 42nd anniversary celebrations on Sept. 3.

The other members of the final board of judges were Socioeconomic Planning Secretary and Neda Director General Romulo L. Neri; Bulacan Gov. Josefina M. de la Cruz; San Beda College rector-president Fr. Anscar J. Chupungco, OSB; Foundation for IT Education and Development director for operations Evangelina Lourdes M. Arroyo; and INQUIRER president Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez.

This year's batch will also join the rest of the 226 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Teachers during the 2nd Convention of the Network of Outstanding Teachers and Educators (Noted) on Sept. 4-5, with the theme "Meeting Future Challenges through Expanding Paradigms in Education."

Bulacan seminary holds alumni reunion

THE KAPATIRANG Immaculate Conception Seminary Alumni Association Inc. (Kicsai) of the Diocese of Malolos, Bulacan, will hold a pre-homecoming party on Aug. 28 at the Balete Drive Clubhouse, corner Baleta Drive and Bougaville Street, New Manila, QC.

Kicsai president Dr. Dave Rawlang Domingo of Batch '77 is inviting all ICS class coordinators to attend the party to rekindle old ties and friendships forged during their high school seminary days.

The party is also part of the preparations for the second ICS Golf Cup in October and the Grand Alumni Homecoming in November.

To be honored in the party are the former priest-formators and other members of the ICS faculty and staff, as well as friends and sponsors who have supported Kicsai's past projects for the benefit of the ICS.

Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m. Call 0917-5162591, 0917-9998377 or (044) 7940040.

Book on Asian women, religions

SR. Mary John Mananzan, OSB, will launch her book "Woman, Religion and Spirituality in Asia" 10 a.m. today, last day of the International Book Fair,. at Conference Room B, World Trade Center, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue cor. Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

The book is co-published by Anvil Publishing Inc. and the Institute of Women's Studies.

Sr. Mary John researched the book in Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Japan on an Asian Public Intellectual Fellowship in 2002 from the Nippon Foundation.

The book discusses the liberating as well as oppressive aspects of religion, especially Asia's religions, and their impact on women.

Sr. Mary John is a Missionary Benedictine sister. The former president of St. Scholastica's College, she is now the prioress of the Manila Priory of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters. She is also vice chair of the Association of Major Women Religious Superiors General Assembly.

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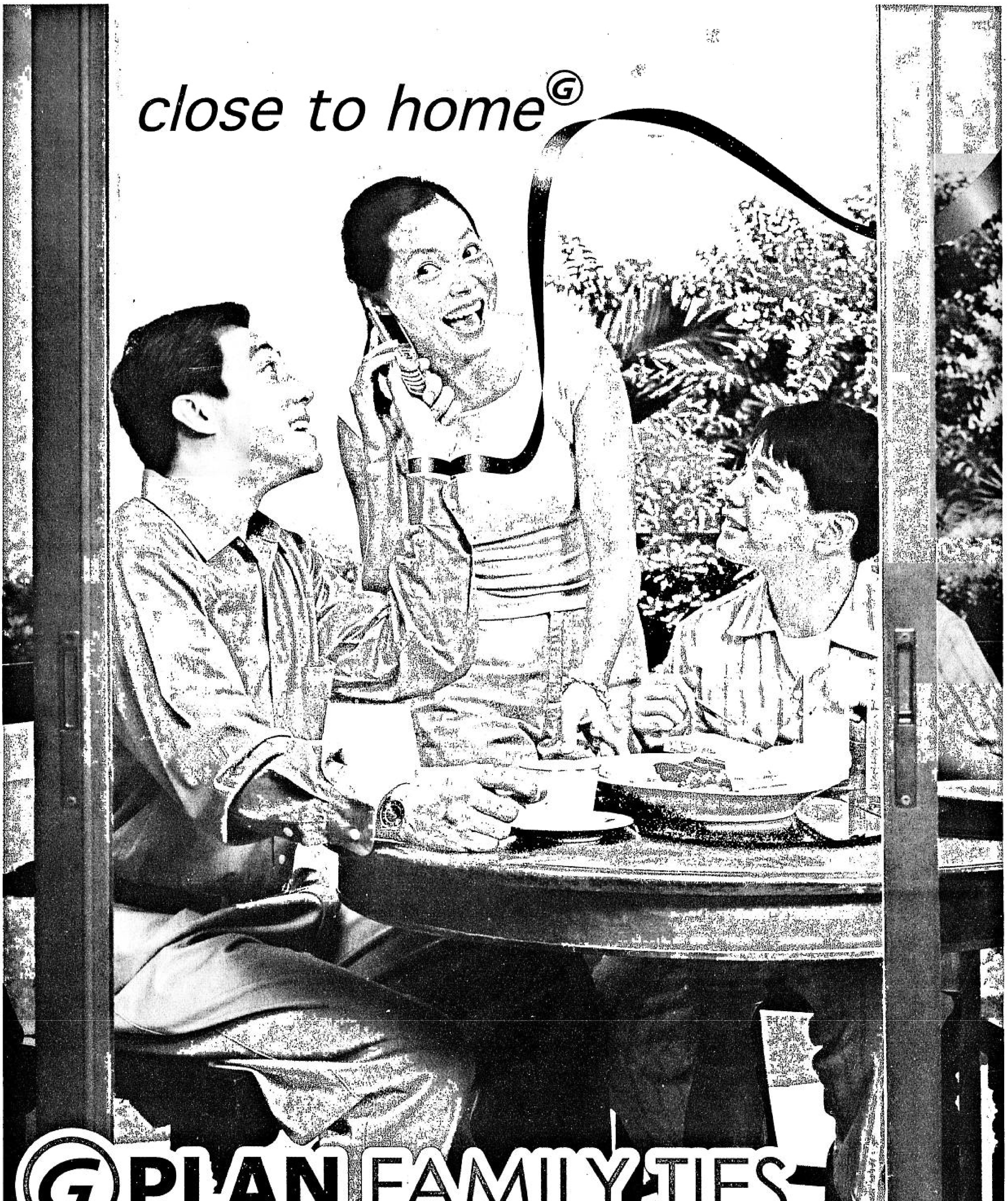

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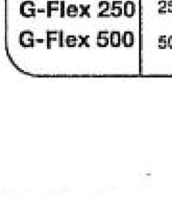
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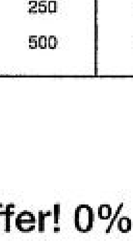
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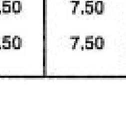
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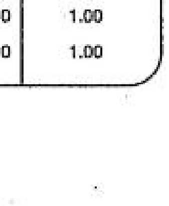
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Sunday Lifestyle

Glitzed-up tees, kimono poses and pink party for festive feline

PHOTO OP with Hello Kitty kimono-clad guests Claire and Beatriz

JENNI Epperson's fashion extravaganza

It's Hello Kitty's 30th year and just because a cat has nine lives, Gift Gate celebrates this milestone nine times this year.

The fifth in the series of nine events is the Hello Kitty "Nakayoku" party. Launched at Glorietta in Makati City recently, the "Nakayoku" party continues on Aug. 20-22 at the Alabang Town Center.

At the launch, pink was the color of the day with pink and white checkered walls and plush pink couches complementing the 32-ft modeling ramp which was likewise lined with pink fur.

Professional models and kids who aspire to be models strutted their stuff in their best Hello Kitty outfits.

The Sanrio Photo Gallery by FujiFilm was the party's biggest hit, with guests dressing up in authentic Hello Kitty kimonos flown in straight from Japan for free souvenir photos. There was also the Hello Kitty makeover cor-

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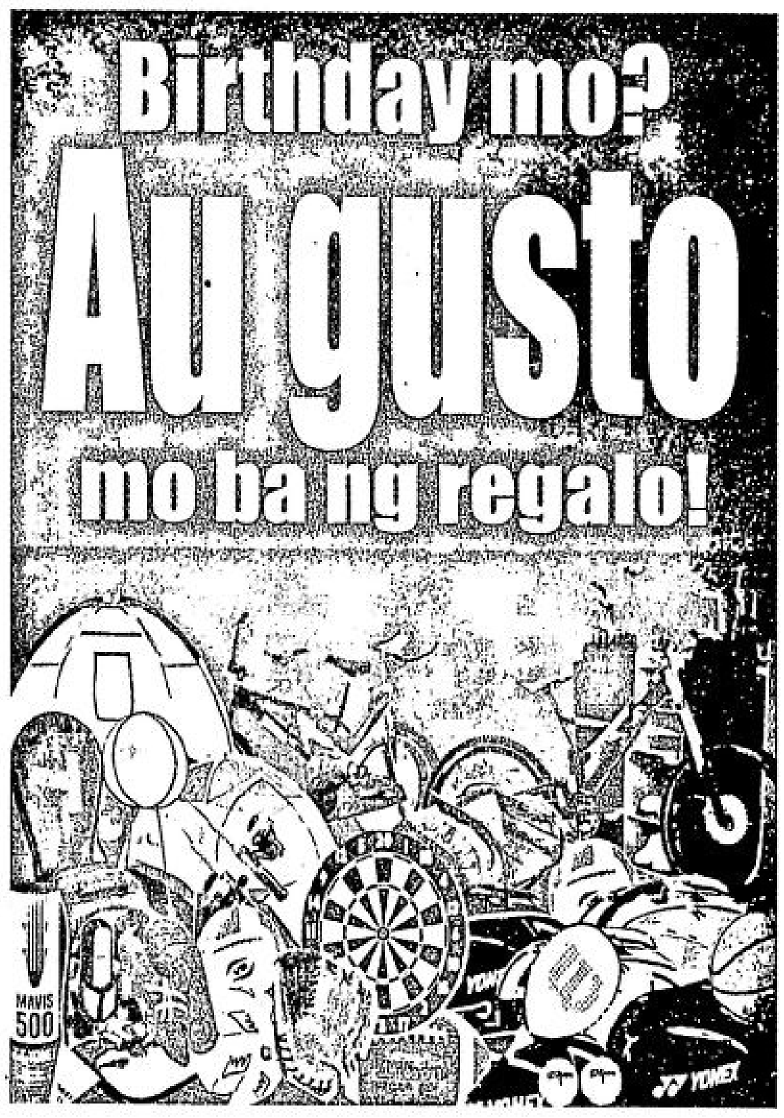

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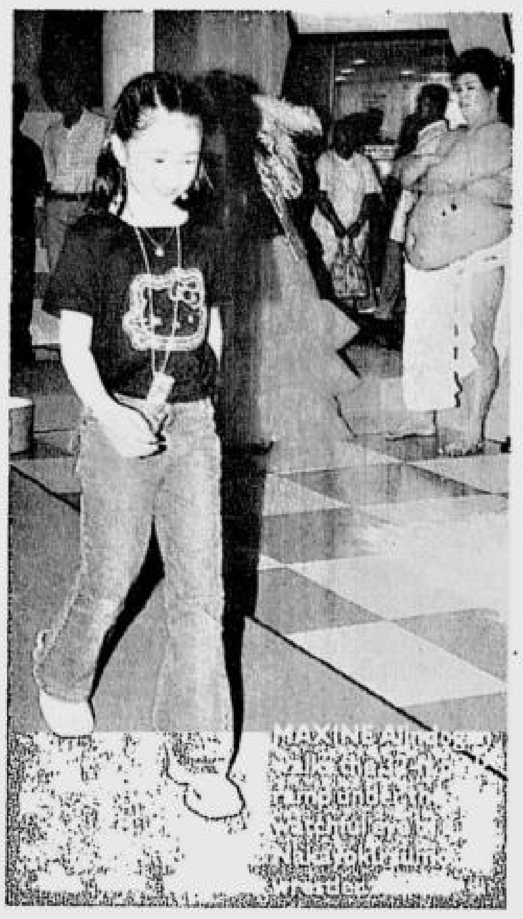

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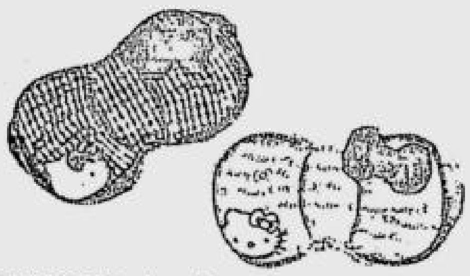

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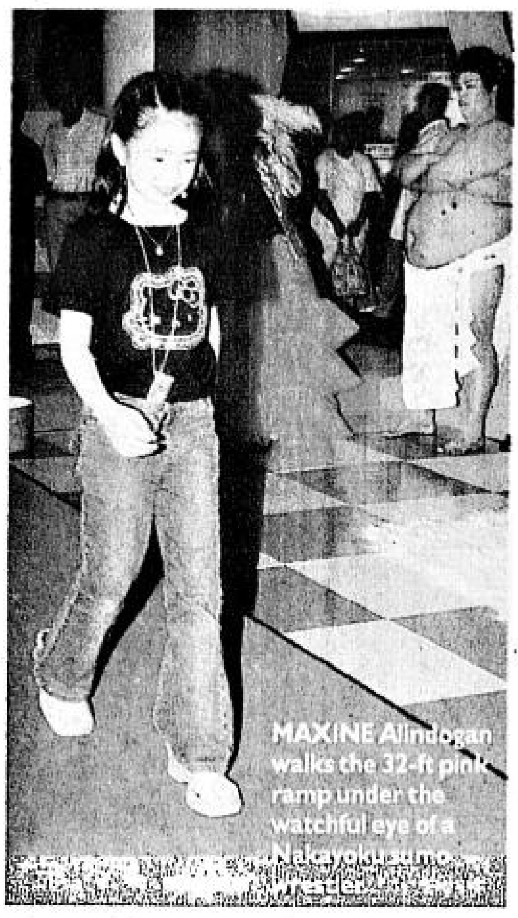

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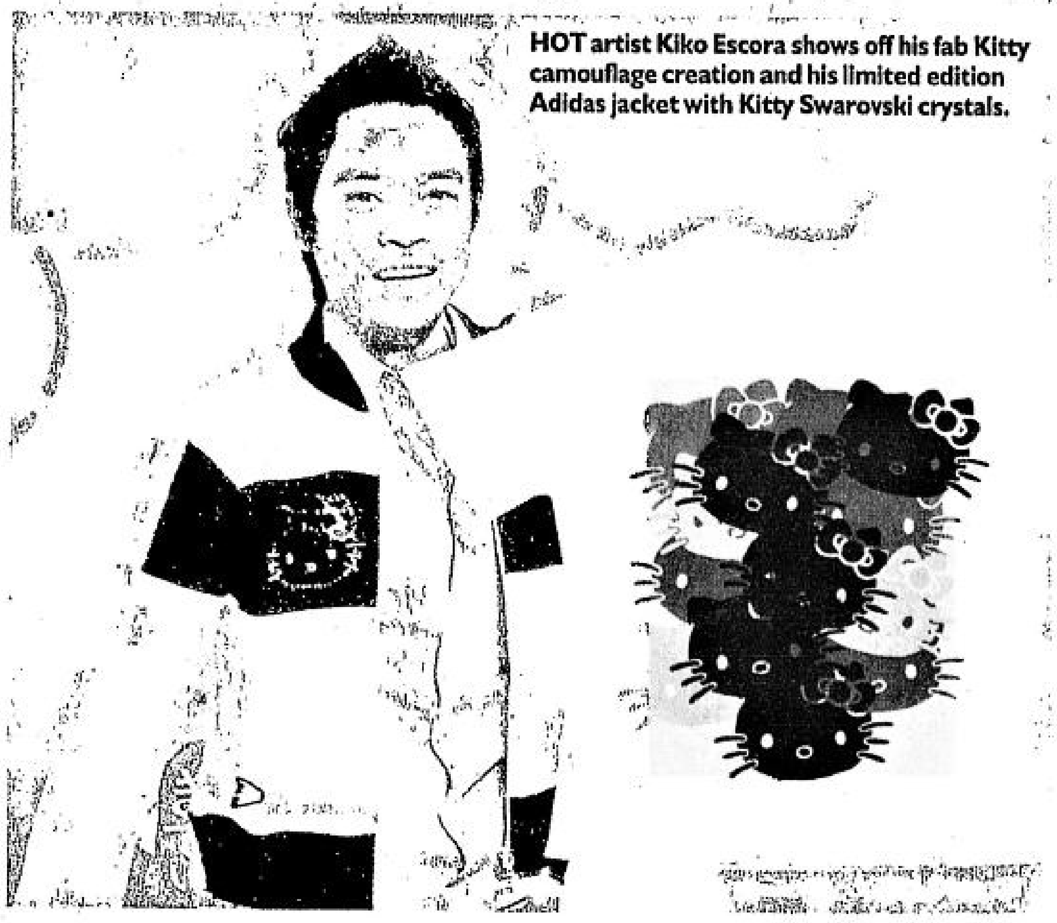

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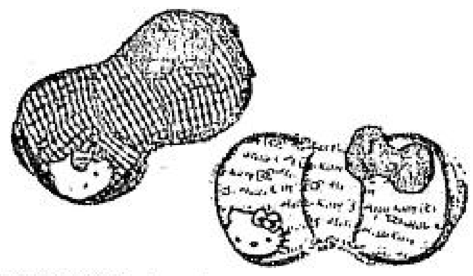

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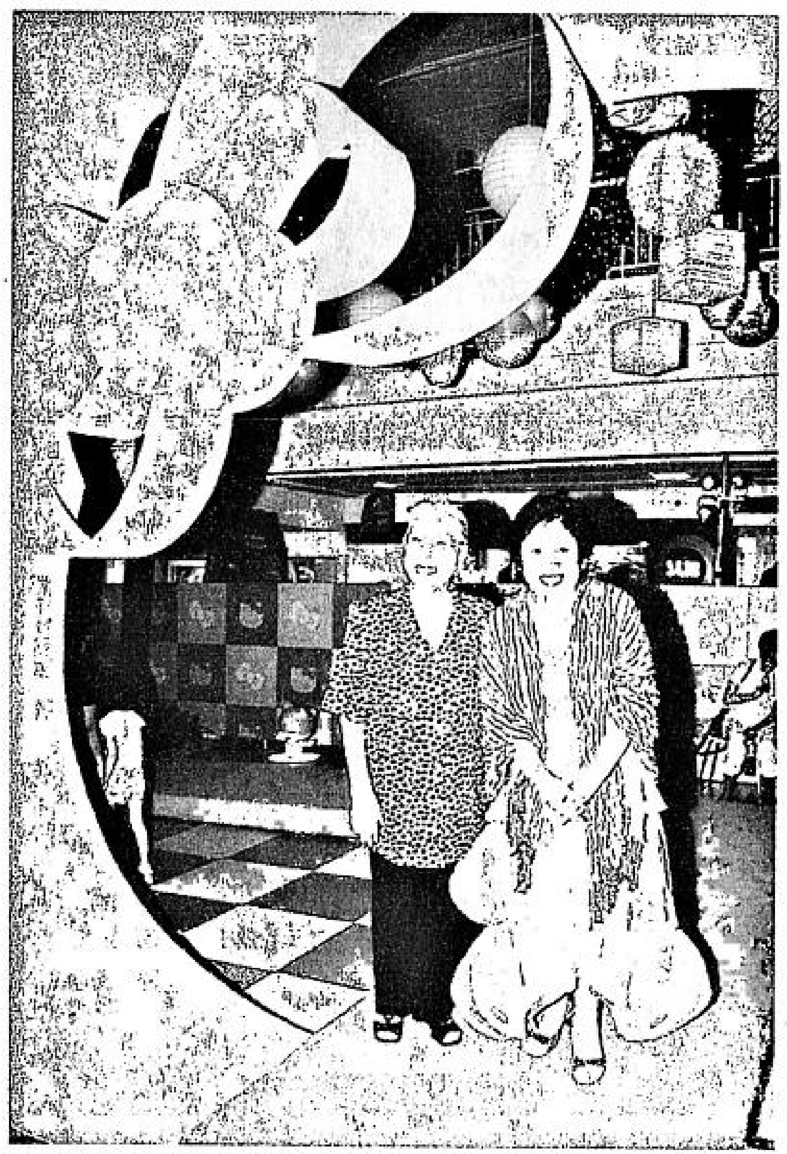

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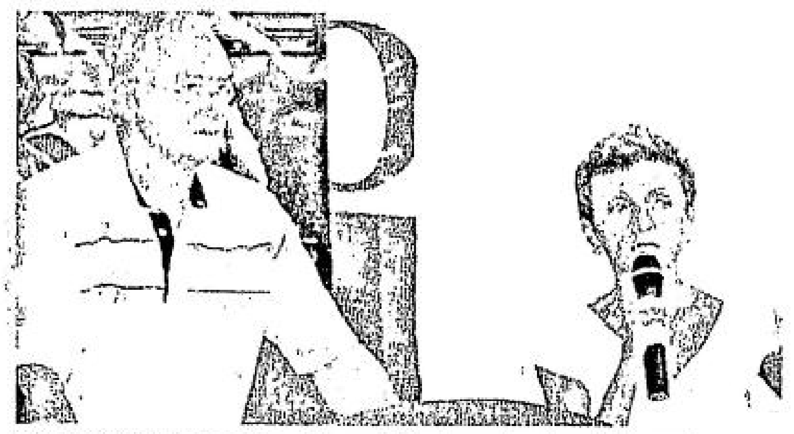

LOUIS-PAUL Heussaff and French Ambassador Renée Veyret

THAI Ambassador Busba Bunnag (right) at the Thai fruit festival

Hooray for Bollywood!

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

IT isn't every day that we get to watch a Bollywood movie, a unique example of the Indian film genre. It's an amazing experience—a mix of musical and drama with beautiful sets, costumes and gorgeous actresses.

The epic "Devdas" is on its third remake, an indication of its strong popular appeal. **Tikoy Aguiluz,** festival director of Makati Cinemanila, and charming Indian Ambassador **Nevrekha Sharma** invited members of the diplomatic corps and Filipino friends to the movie's premiere at Greenbelt Cinema.

Eat your heart out

You do know that the elections in India last May used electronic voting machines (EVMs) and the results were declared on the same day? Maybe they know something we don't. Overseas Indians pump back $30 billion each year into India, its information technology professionals are heading home (15,000 to 20,000 in the last two years), and the economy could grow seven percent this year.

Now what is it that's occupying so much of our benighted leaders' time these days, aside from their allowances?

Adieu, monsieur

Counselor **Franck Hebert** of the French embassy, who did a yeoman's job with the French Spring Festival in Manila (it was his last Spring celebration here and he worked doubly hard), was feted by Ambassador **Renée Veyret** at her residence with a farewell reception. The popular and charming M. Hebert will be missed by the many friends he made these past four years.

Fruitful event

To celebrate **Queen Sirikit's** birthday recently, Thai Ambassador **Busba Bunnag** had this marvelous idea of bringing Thai fruits and delicacies to her residence. The Queen has been the No. 1 exponent of agriculture in her country. The plan was a phenomenal success, with the *durians, lanzones, pomelos,* sweet tamarinds and mangosteens disappearing in a thrice.

There was also a special presentation of Thai dancers by students and musicians of the Nakhonratchasima College of Dramatic Arts and the Panditya Institute to entertain local and foreign guests.

The previous evening, at the Hotel InterContinental, Ambassador Bunnag hosted a dinner for the press and we sampled innovative but delicious Thai cuisine such as deep-fried sweet-and-sour noodles (*kratong mee knob*), spicy roasted chicken salad (*yam gai yang*), minced chicken and prawns wrapped in sugar cane (*gai, gung pun oi*), the familiar *tom yam gai* and steamed taro balls dumplings in coconut milk (*bua loy*)—which explains why I can't lose those 10 pounds—and several other delicacies prepared by a team of three women—**Sompong Chomchit, Pranom Kittivarapol** and **Patcharee Srikong**—from InterContinental Bangkok.

The women were specially flown to Manila for the Treasures of Thailand Culinary Showcase at the Café Jeepney. It was a smashing success, and congratulations are in order for Ambassador Bunnag and InterCon's **Jenney Peña.**

Tribute to Pinays

It sure was good for the old ego. "Filipina—A Tribute to the Filipino Women," a publication of Supply Oilfeld Services Inc. (SOS) and the company's CEO, **Louis-Paul Heussaff,** was launched at PowerBooks, with well-known Filipino writers like National Artist **F. Sionil Jose, Alfred Yuson, Jose Dalisay, Angelo Lacuesta** and **Cesar Ruiz Aquino** in attendance.

The book is a collection of exceptional images selected from a nationwide contest conducted by SOS last year. It portrays our natural virtues of determination, devotion, sensibility, beauty, intelligence, grace, etc. (that's me patting me on the back). Buy your copies at all PowerBooks and National Book Store outlets.

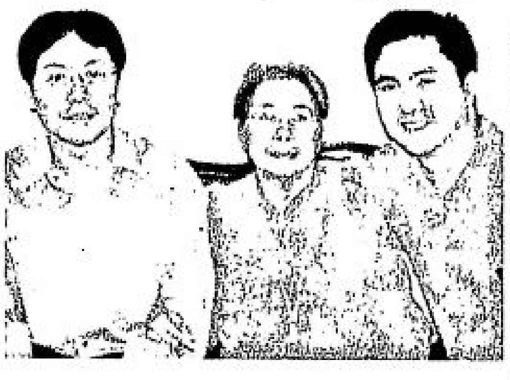
It's so nice to be appreciated.

New partnership

National Artist for Dance, **Leonor Orosa Goquingco** has seen the revival of her wonderful Filipinescas Dance Co., in partnership with De La Salle University's College of St. Benilde. At the launching of the partnership, excerpts from "Filipinescas: Philippine Life, Legend and Lore in Dance" were shown at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Guests Swiss Ambassador **Lise Favre** and Chilean Ambassador **Jorge Montero** said they were highly impressed with the performance.

The show was re-staged by the artist's son, **Benjamin Goquingco Jr.** and **Manolet Garcia,** project and stage director.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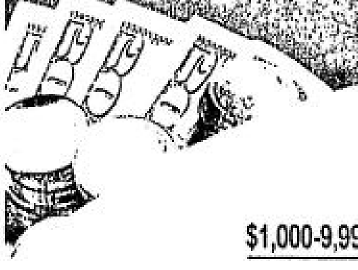

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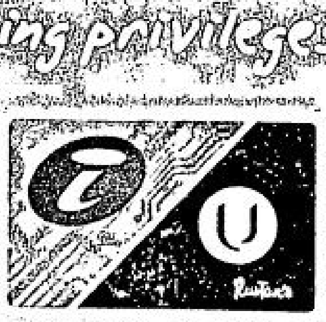

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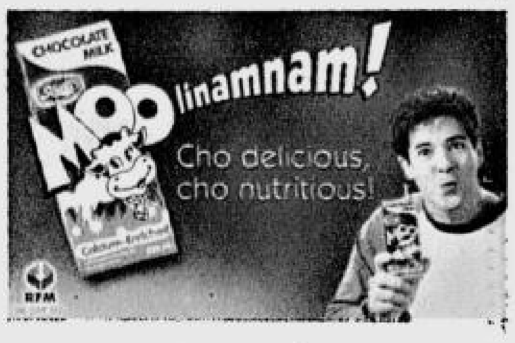

STYLE SISTERS. Joyce Ma in her own design and Bonnie Gokson in Pucci

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Asian style icon holds birthday bash in Manila

Bonnie Gokson's hush-hush three-day birthday treat drew Vivienne Tam, Joyce Ma and big names in global fashion

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AS A SOCIAL observer for the past six years now, I have never experienced a more fun, poignant and memorable night than the private party of one of Asia's most beautiful, talented and glamorous lifestyle and style icons, **Bonnie Gokson.**

Bonnie has been the image head for Chanel, Joyce Boutiques and Café, and has done major glamorous events in grand venues such as the QE2. She has also done functions for such celebrities as **Barbra Streisand, Donna Karan,** the royal family of Denmark, etc.

Close to 80 friends from around the world flew in for a three-day celebration, which was pure bliss. The first night was held at **Ricco** and **Tina Ocampo's**, which had poolside boogie chic as its theme. The third night was hosted by sisters **Doris Ho** and **Linda Ho McAfee,** and had spa chic for its theme.

The main birthday celebration (which was an exclusive for the INQUIRER and the Philippine Tatler) was held at the Met Museum, which was transformed by Bonnie using indigenous materials, while paintings by Filipino masters were on the walls. The food was done by Ilustrado while flowers were by Mabolo.

Specially flown in for the affair were US-based singer **Tyrese Washington** and Hong Kong's pop diva **Joyce Lee**. Our local artists such as the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, Mandaluyong Children's Choir and **Bituin Escalante** likewise mesmerized the jet-set crowd. A surprise number performed by her closest friends, with **Cris Villonco** playing Bonnie, was a hilarious and entertaining moment. It ended with the whole room singing "That's What Friends Are For."

In a touching gesture, the celebrator helped raise money for the choir, which was matched by financial guru and best-selling author **Suze Orman,** who could not make it. Likewise, a foundation was also put up to help support the choir.

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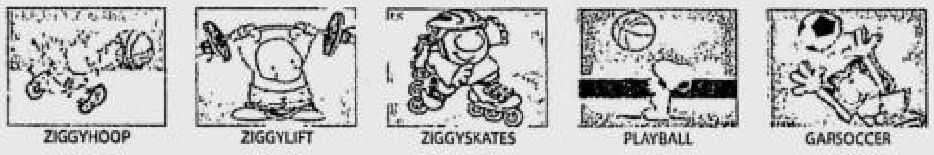

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4	Rainbow	Rainbow	South Border
5	How Did You Know	HowDid	Gary V.
6	Bat Di Mo Pagbigyan	Pagbigyan	King
7	Hey Yah	Heyyah	Outkast
8	Everytime	Everytime	Britney Spears
9	Hands To Heaven	Hands2Heaven	Christian Bautista
10	Outrageous	Outrageous	Britney Spears

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4	This Love	ThisLove	Maroon 5
5	Another Used To Be	AnotherUsed	Joe
6	Kailan Kaya	KailanKaya	Sheryn Regis
7	Kung Mahal Mo Siya	MahalMoSya	Jay R
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WE ARE FAMILY. Gary onstage with son Gabriel (above) and daughter Kiana (right)

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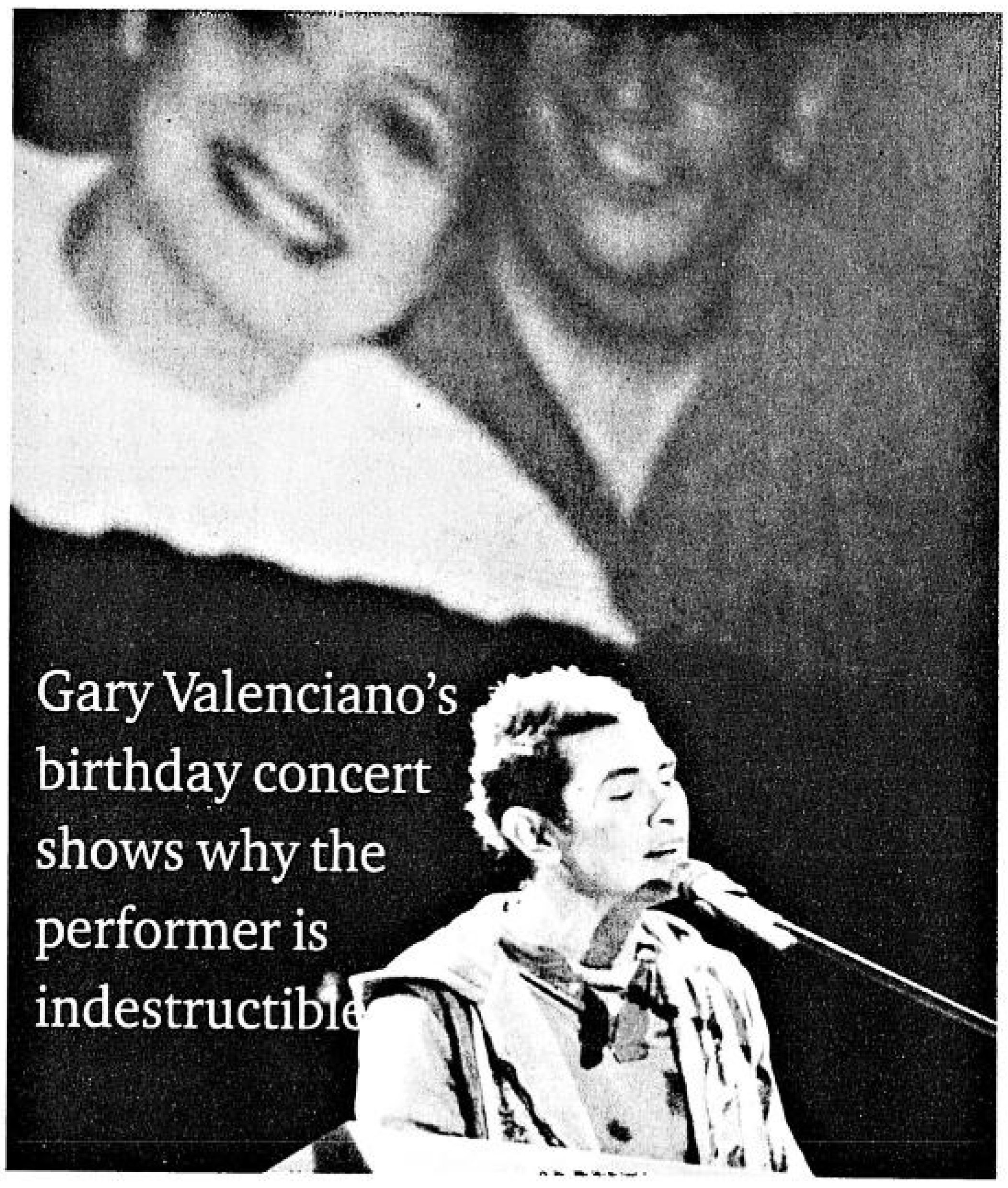
Still pure and energetic at 40



Gary Valenciano's birthday concert shows why the performer is indestructible

ISN'T it romantic? Gary surprises wife of 20 years, Angeli, with roses.

By Beia Formoso
Contributor

AGE cannot stop Gary Valenciano.

This was proven by his three-hour concert, "Gary V..Thankful." last Aug. 6 at the Araneta Coliseum, which the performer filled to the rafters.

Though he turned 40 that night, Gary V didn't look it. He was nothing but Mr. Pure Energy all throughout; after all, this was a concert of praise and thanksgiving to a God that has given him 40 years of life, 20 years of marriage, 20 years of a successful career in show business and three talented kids.

At one point Gary asked those in the audience to raise their hands if it was their first time ever to watch a Gary V concert, and the majority did. It was to be a night of many firsts and milestones.

It was the first time that all of the Valenciano children performed on stage with Papa Gary. His eldest son Paolo, 19, joined him onstage for the first time. Though a bit nervous at the start, Paolo quickly found his niche and rocked to the Christian tune of "Open the Eyes of My Heart." Kiana, 11, who is quite accustomed to performing, sang the Disney song, "You'll Be in My Heart" while Gabriel, 16, who is the spitting image of his father not only in looks and height but dance moves, came out a number of times to the delight of the younger crowd.

Another first was the tender tribute Gary paid to his own father, Vic Valenciano (he has paid tribute to his mother in previous shows) with the song "Father's Love." His father is so fond of taking pictures that he has photos of practically every Gary V concert, which have been compiled into a book along with Gary's baby and family photos. Simply titled "Gary V," it is a must-have for every fan. Some of the photos Dad Vic took at the "Thankful" concert appear on this page.

Touching

Also touching was the portion where Gary shared his and wife Angeli's love story along with their wedding photos and dedicated to her the song "Sana Maulit Muli" (which she composed, by the way). The gesture sparked shrieks of *kilig*, especially when he got off the stage afterward and gave her a dozen roses and a sweet kiss, as it was also their 20th wedding anniversary that day.

Through the song "Friends," Gary paid homage to his friends in the entertainment industry, such as Zsa Zsa Padila, Vilma Santos and Louie Ocampo. There was also a showcase of photos of his friends.

As Unicef goodwill ambassador for the past five years, Gary has traveled around the country to spread hope and joy to sick and underprivileged children. This aspect of Gary's life was divulged through a footage of the encounters while he sang the moving "People Need the Lord."

Young people were definitely a strong presence that night. Joining Gary in "praise" were dance groups The Animé and Siga, which consists of talented Youth for Christ teenagers from Christian fellowships JIL, CCF, Victory Christian Fellowship and New Life Alabang. During a comforting rendition of "We Are The Reason," youngsters from Jubilee and Angelicum churches created glow-in-the-dark representations of the cross, happy faces, doves and messages of Jesus' love through hand mimes lit by glow sticks. Only Gary V can make gospel music cool and appealing to the youth.

A celebration of two decades as a performing artist would not be complete without some reminiscing with a medley of '80s and '90s hits like MC Hammer's "Can't Touch This," "Pray" and Technotronic's "Get Up and Move Your Body," with the old choreography and the trusty Manoeuvres dance group moving perfectly in sync with a backdrop of scenes from concerts past.

And Gary still could do the moves and groove like he was only 20. And this was when one realized that Gary V doesn't age; rather, he changes with the times. From puffy baggy pants and shoulder pads to laid-back jeans and hoodie, he remains "in" and a spectacle to behold onstage when performing.

While age is nothing but a number for Gary, diabetes remains a constant threat not only to his health but his very life. He said many fans confided in him their fears about being diagnosed with the disease. Gary is quick to give them hope, attesting that the fact he is able to sing and dance is proof positive that someone up there is watching over him.

Passion for craft

Perhaps it is also his passion for the craft that keeps Gary going, as you can catch him still smiling while singing a particularly beautiful line in a song or when breaking out into a jubilant dance during the instrumental, no matter how many times he must have performed that number in his long career.

A career which, of course, has spawned so many hits that a one-night concert cannot contain all of them, even with no intermission. However, the most favorite ones are always there like "Hataw Na," "Di Bale na Lang," "'Eto na Naman," "Mahal na Mahal Ko Siya" and "'Wag Mo na Sanang Isipin."

However, in keeping with the praise theme Gary sang only a couple of his famous ballads, recent ones like "How Did You Know?" and "Kailangan Kita" with special guest Piolo Pascual. Instead, he focused on his Christian songs: "Sa Yahweh," "The Warrior is a Child," "I Will be Here," "Gaya ng Dati," "Could You Be Messiah" "Natutulog Ba Ang Diyos?," "Take Me Out of the Dark" and capped the night with the classic "Shout For Joy" and heartfelt "In Christ Alone." All performed with the musical prowess of the Powerplay Band under Mon Faustino; both are staples in Gary's career and another reason to be thankful for.

As he shared openly, Gary has a lot to be thankful for. But Filipinos are thankful for him. He is often asked what legacy he wishes to leave behind and so that night he said, "I just want to create an impact on people's lives. To inject some hope when everything seems hopeless." Which he has done for millions of people. More than excite and entertain, Gary V truly inspires.

"Gary V... Thankful" will be shown at 10:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27 on Studio 23.

WHILE Gary performs onstage, his dad, Vic Valenciano, performs with a camera. The senior Valenciano took this shot of Gary dancing with the Animé and the photo on the right of Gary singing with son Paolo.

THE MEN in B's life

CRIS Villonco and the "I Will Survive" girls

Asian style icon holds birthday . . .

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The night was made more memorable by the roasts and praises given by Bonnie's friends and heartfelt speeches from her siblings, **Joyce Ma** (Asia's fashion empress) and **Gerry Gokson**. A slide presentation showcasing the life of "BG" in song and visuals was another highlight.

A-list

High flyers included international designer **Vivienne Tam**, stylist to the stars **Kim Robinson, Kathy Travis, John Shaw, Gage** and **Linda McAfee**, Asian Tatler's **Dr. M. Mohindar** and **Lina Ross**, Celine communications director **David Au, James** and **Su Chen, Kevin** and **Reina Chau, Kevin** and **Sabrina Fung, Aron** and **Audrey Chiu, Rogier Verhoeven, Shirley Hiranand** and **Reyna Harilela.** Local personalities included **Fernando** and **Kit Zobel, Iñigo** and **Maricris Zobel, Irene Francisco, Evelyn Forbes, Ernest Escaler, Pandot Ocampo, Monique Villonco, Bobby** and **Chingbee Cuenca.**

Foremost on everyone's mind, of course, is why have the celebration in Manila? For a lot of the guests, it was their first time to be in Manila (and they promised it wouldn't be their last); some said they would never even see Manila as a destination in their treks around the world. But they left mesmerized and awed with what they saw and experienced. Which in turn they would impart to their friends as well.

Here's a brief rundown of some of the highlights: the guests' trek to Intramuros with **Carlos Celdran**, ballroom dancing at Bykes Café, after-hours at Greenbelt, especially Nuvo, shopping at Balikbayan Handicrafts, Rustan's, Firma and Mix, food at Sentro and *halo-halo* at the Pen. They got top service from Makati Shangri-La hotel. They enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of the Filipinos.

Bonnie explained, "Your country is so beautiful. There is so much hospitality, generosity of spirit, talent, sensitivity and musicality in the Philippines. It's the perfect place to have a celebration and I wanted to share the experience with my friends. I am so overwhelmed with the events and also want to help in showcasing the Filipino talent, soul and warmth in the future."

Being Filipino, we are always interested at what foreigners think of the country. Sometimes we can't go beyond what we read in the headlines or experience every day. So events like this are always encouraging and refreshing. You learn to appreciate what we have and how special and unique it is. This is one heartfelt party that many will remember and cherish for a long time.

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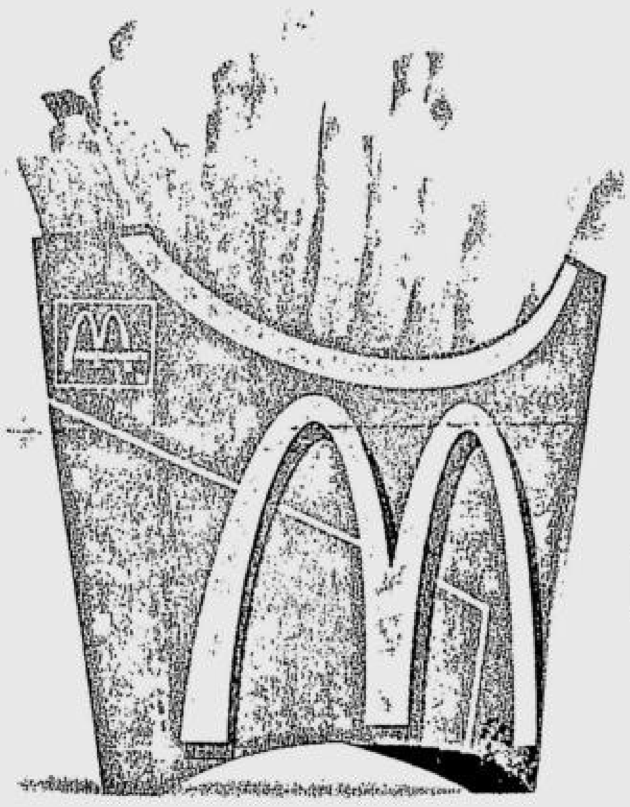

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Textback2: Ex. FRIES abcd1234/ angela c. de guzman /05071981/ ayala heights, diliman quezon city/100. Promo period is up to September 30, 2004. P2.50/entry. Per DTI-NCR Permit No.____ Series of 2004.

6. A participant may join as much as he/she wants, provided they send only once, the unique code found in every card.
7. The McDonald's Prized Fries SMS service is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
8. Participants who sent in an entry but did not receive any text back must inform GMA-NMI (New Media, Inc.) Customer Service at (02) 928 7021 local 557. Upon calling, texters are asked to provide GMA NMI's Customer Service Representative (CSR) with the following information:
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11. Globe/Touch Mobile and Smart/Talk N' Text Telecoms reserves the right to disqualify or bar a contestant from joining the promo, without prior notice, for usage indicative of abuse or fraud.
12. Qualified entries must:
    a. have submitted his/her entry within the duration of the promotion.
    b. have received a confirmation text from GMA-NMI's access numbers for registration.
    c. be present at GMA-NMI's database within the promotion duration.
13. All participants are presumed to have read and understood, and agree and abide by the service's complete rules and regulations.
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DRAWING AND VERIFICATION OF WINNERS AND PRIZE REDEMPTION
1. Winners of the promo will be determined through an electronic raffle draw with the presence of a DTI Representative on September 8 and October 1, 2004.

September 8 Draw
   a. 5 winners of iPOD mini
   b. 5 winners of Palm PDA
   c. 1 winner of Nokia 7610 unit
   d. 1 winner of Nokia Engage QD unit
   e. 2 winners of Nokia 3220 unit
   f. 4 winners of Nokia 3100 unit
   g. 3 winners of Digital Heart Rate Adidas watches

October 1 Draw
   a. 5 winners of iPOD mini
   b. 5 winners of Palm PDA
   c. 1 winner of Nokia 7610 unit
   d. 1 winner of Nokia Engage QD unit
   e. 2 winners of Nokia 3220 unit
   f. 4 winners of Nokia 3100 unit
   g. 4 winners of Digital Heart Rate Adidas watches

2. Drawing of winners will be held at the GMA New Media, Inc office located at 2/F Manlas Bldg GMA Network Complex, EDSA cor 11th Jamboree St., Diliman, Q.C.
3. Winners will be verified by the "Board of Judges" consisting of a representative from the DTI, McDonald's and GMA New Media, Inc.
4. Cut-off time of entries for the September 8 and October 1 will be 11:59PM of September 7 and September 30, 2004 respectively.
5. Winners will be notified thru a text message from GMA NMI's special access number and by a call from GMA New Media, Inc.'s authorized representative by registered mail and shall be announced in a newspaper of general circulation.
6. Winners must present the following when claiming their prize
   a. Any valid ID with picture and address;
   b. The SIM card used for participation,
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III. Prizes
1. Prizes for the text raffles are:
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   c. 2 winner of Nokia 7610 unit
   d. 2 winner of Nokia Engage QD unit
   e. 4 winners of Nokia 3220 unit
   f. 8 winners of Nokia 3100 unit
   g. 7 winners of Digital Heart Rate Adidas watches
2. All text raffle winners can claim their prizes at McDonald's Head Office 17th floor Citibank Centre Bldg.
3. A participant (unique SIM card number) can win more than once within the duration of the promo.
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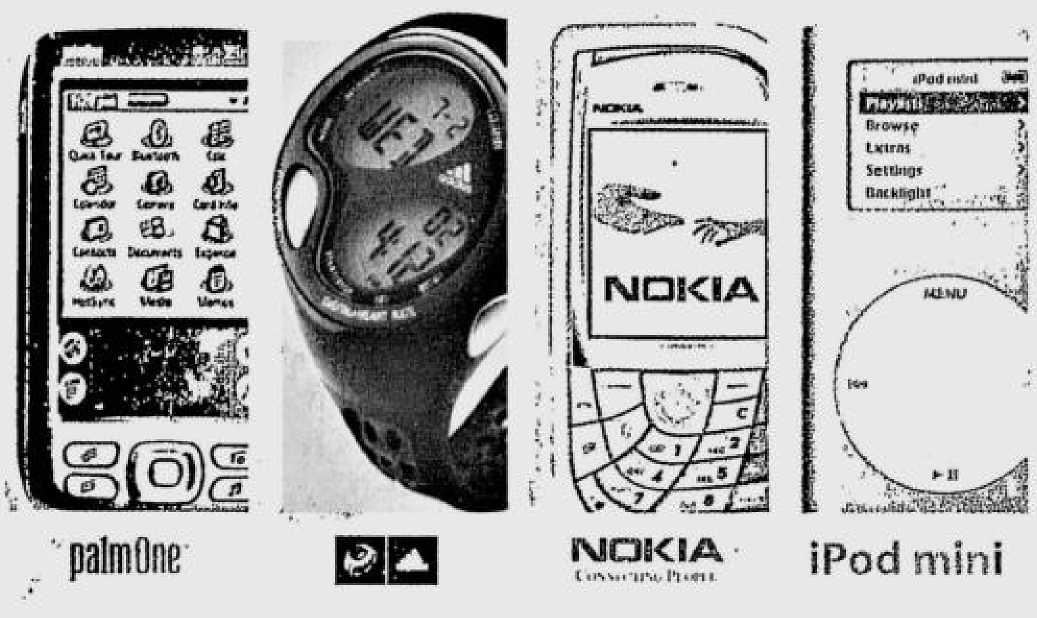

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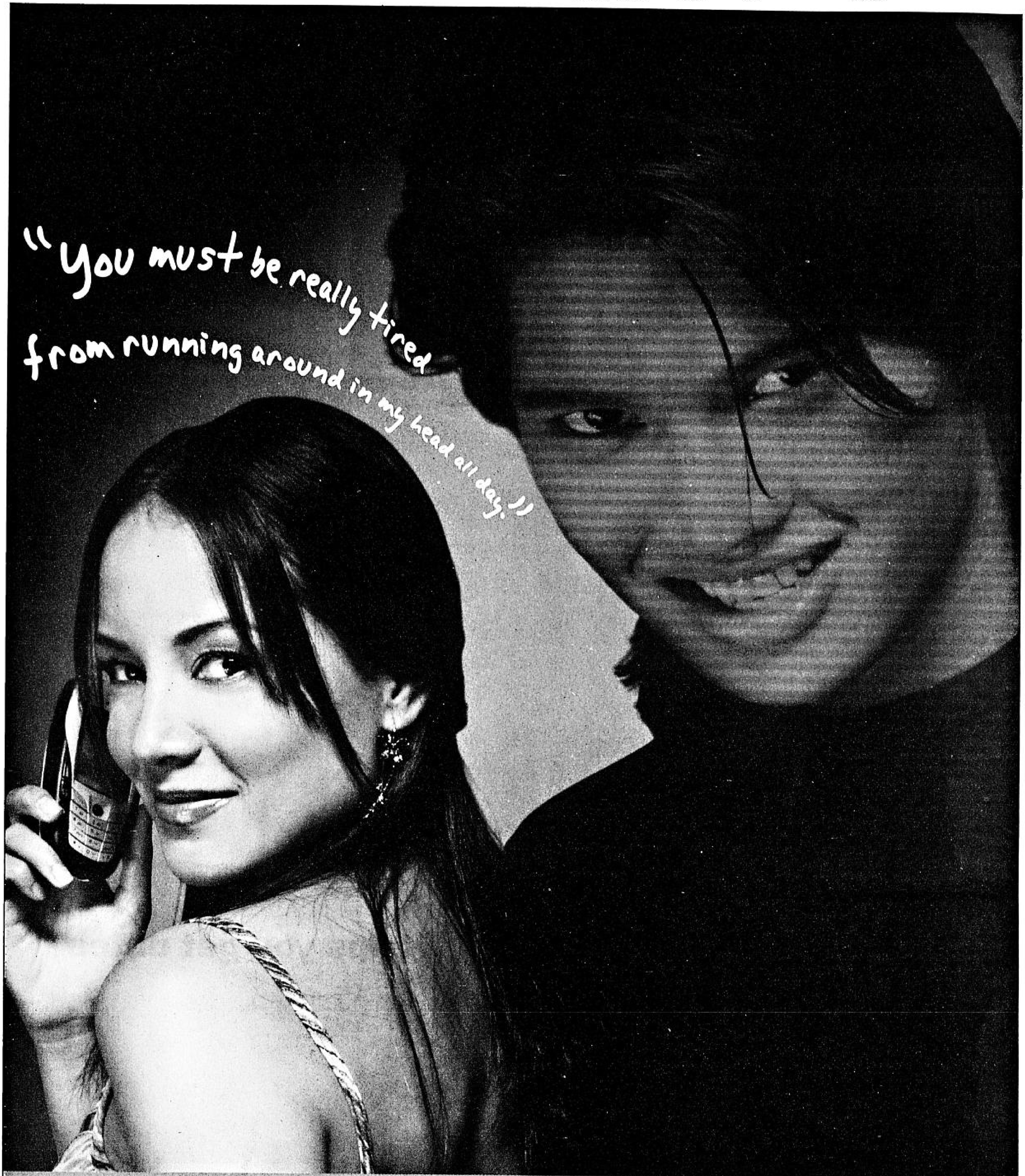
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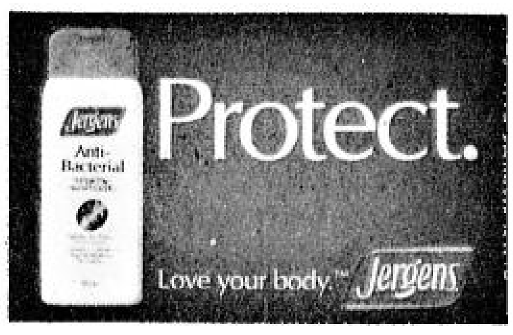
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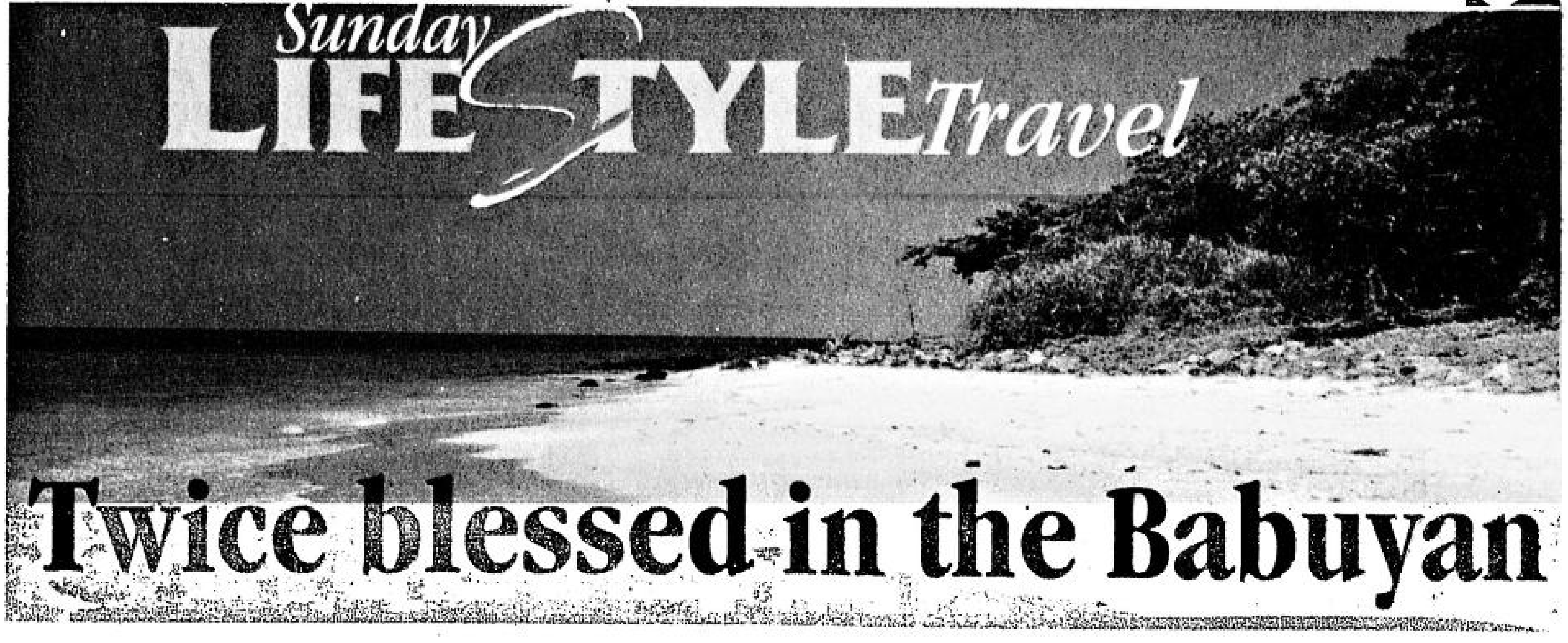

Twice blessed in the Babuyan

Bucolic best describes the far-flung islands known for their unpredictable weather and uncomplicated beauty

Text and photos by Maria Congee S. Gomez
Contributor

THE *BAROTO* is an efficient transport system among the marsh-dwellers and nipa palm producers in the more far-flung areas of the Babuyan islands.

In Sitio Macanaya, Aparri, the wooden-constructed vessel helps people traverse the Cagayan River, onward to Babuyan Channel, from here to Magbit Beach in Camiguin (not the islands in Northern Mindanao), and even farther to the islands of Fuga, Calayan, Dalupiri and Babuyan Claro.

The Babuyan group of islands lies in the northern part of Aparri, Cagayan. It is composed of these five island-barangays and set apart by three to five travel hours by boat; Camiguin Island is four hours away from Aparri; Fuga and Calayan are three hours away from Camiguin; Dalupiri is three-and-a-half hours away; and Babuyan Claro, four to five hours.

Among these, only Camiguin and Calayan are the most habitable. Fuga Islands are the densely populated. Babuyan Claro is collared by gigantic waves and hut-size boulders that bar its coastline.

"I suppose our areas could be best described as crime-, theft- and robbery-free, and peaceful. We have a laid-back ambience, a visual feast of nature wonder on land and on open water and a spectacular view of two mountain ranges that looked like the sentries of bygone years," said Camiguin's barangay captain Florencio de Guzman.

This is Tuesday morning still dazed by the inconvenience of a 13-hour travel by land. Egged my way out of Florida Bus with a throbbing headache and shook off Tundra-like cool caused by a malfunctioning air-con-

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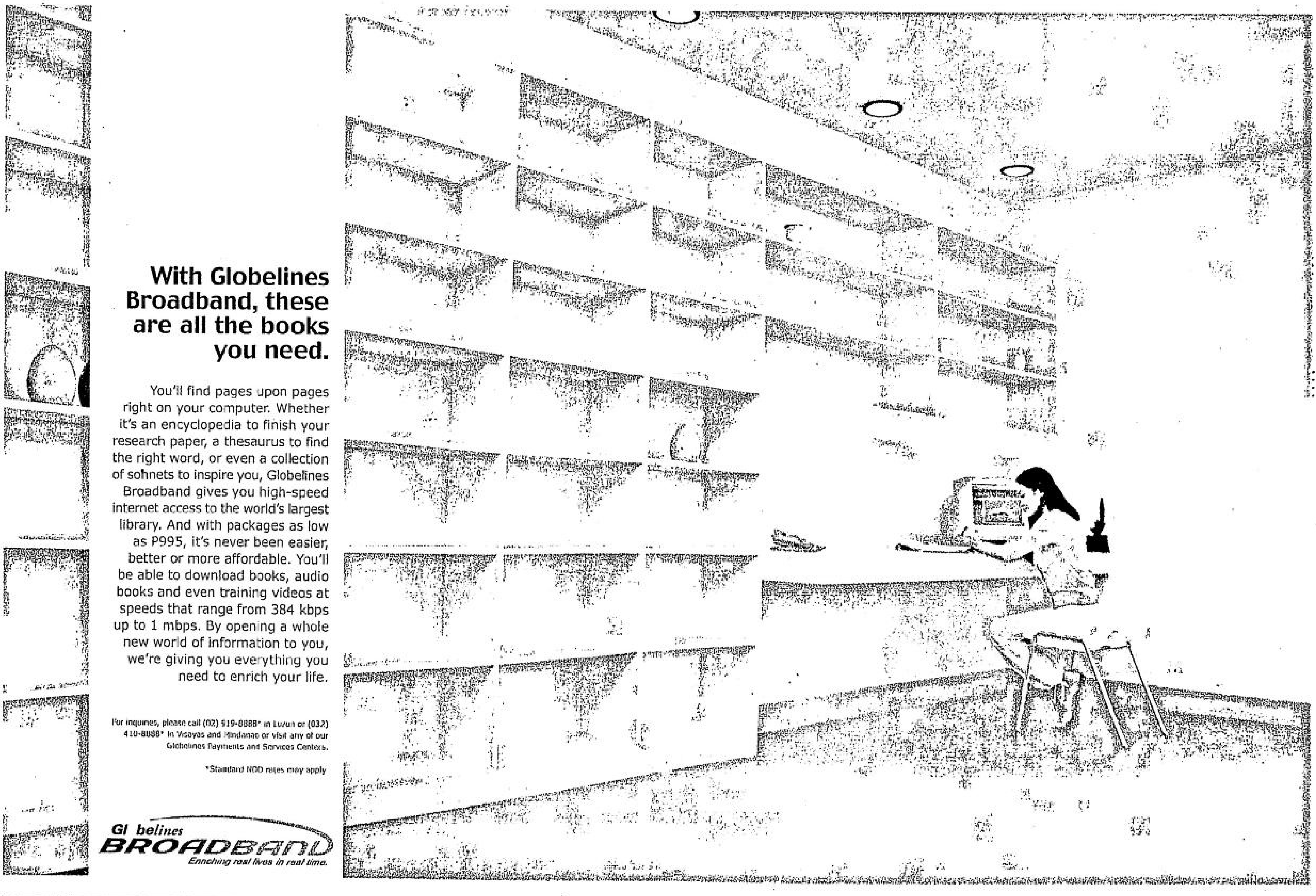
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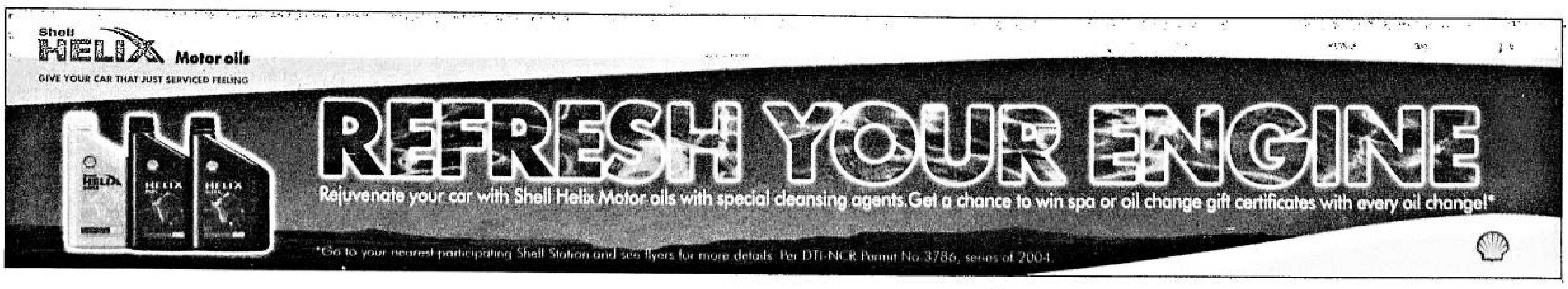
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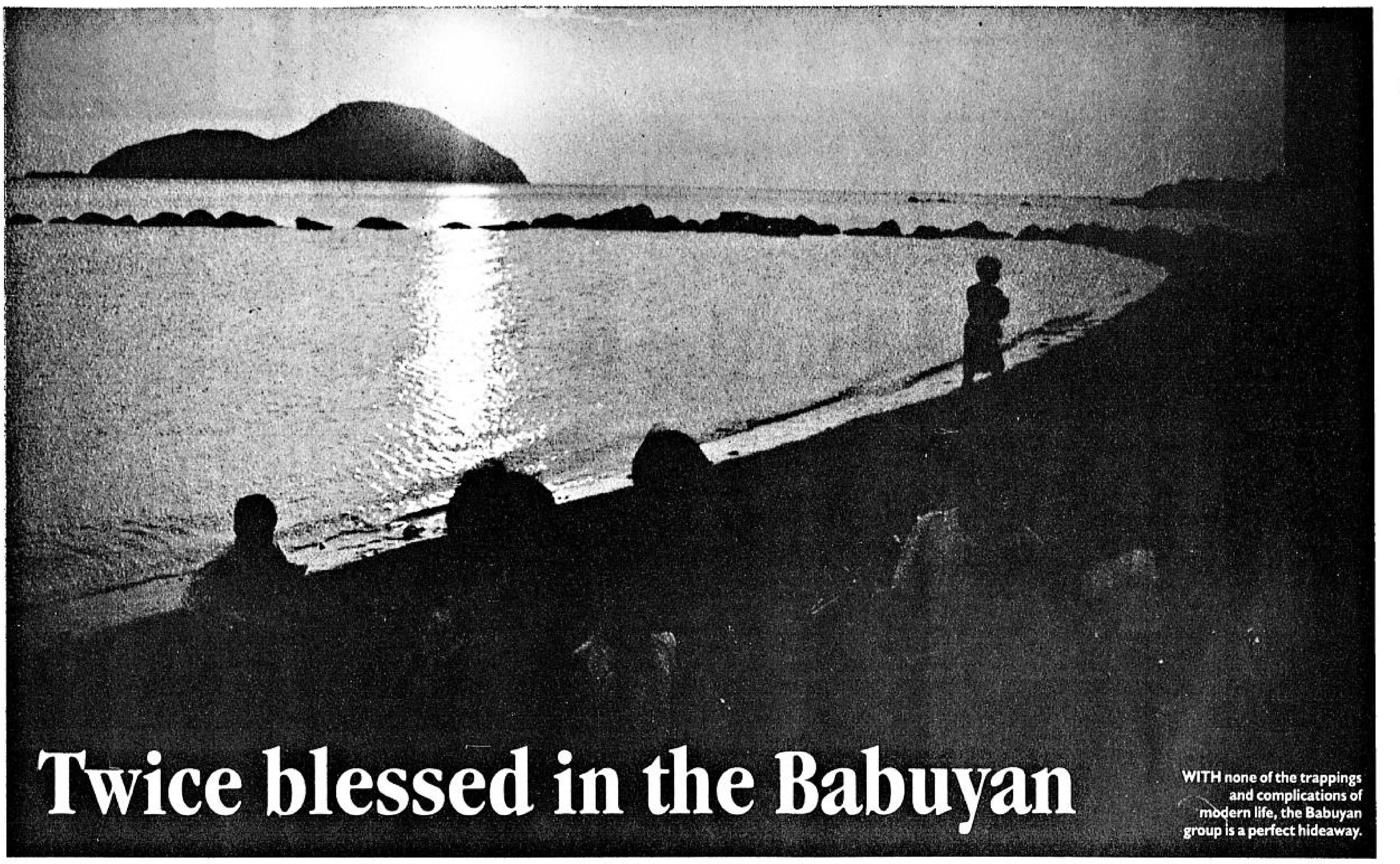

WITH none of the trappings and complications of modern life, the Babuyan group is a perfect hideaway.

From page G1

ditioning system. Aparri's dry, sweltering heat was something else. What we wanted was to swim the Cagayan River and jump on the available *baroto*. There was the 65-seater D Big 2 Sisters parked not far from where we stood. It had been here for almost half-day for two reasons. First, to get more passengers. Second, have a part replaced that had gone haywire when it debarked in Sitio Macanaya. The boat fee was P150 per head, one way.

Curiosity struck me when we went on board. I briskly moved back and forth, up and down the entire sections and found out the passenger population was heavily concentrated in the ship's belly. Up and away was a mixture of seawater air and human odor. When your mind is set deep on the humpback whale (*megaptera novaenaliae*), nothing frilly can rob you off with this imagination. I have doodled caricatures of it the night before we left for Aparri. I drew first its calves accompanied by their parents, then its graceful inimitable arches (humps), the treading pods and the fantastic blows or sprouts sealing the skies close to 20-ft high. My sources said the 50-ft migratory mammal has a tail that flukes and slaps the water's surface. They could even produce a "song" or vocalization that is unique for every group. They slowly rise toward the surface, poking its head off the water below its eyes.

Yes, we have come this far to the frontiers of Babuyan Group of Islands, specifically in Camiguin because this is where the humpbacks stay in most part of October to November, and April to May to propagate. Camiguin's temperature, registering between 27°C and 28° C, is said to lure the mammals for their breeding activities.

Rolly Magpayo, a World Wildlife Foundation coordinator, says: "These mammals are originally from Alaska, which migrated down to the main Hawaiian Islands during the winter months of November through May each year. They travel at a distance of 6,000 miles from Alaska to Hawaii before they make their way down to Camiguin. The pair which constantly shows up here has earned the admiration of the folk and have fondly named them Lagarista and Gianna.

AN ALMOST brand-new church serves the steadily growing population of Camiguin.

Volatile life ways

Pressed for some reasons we came this far to Babuyan, I'd tactfully argue, "for serendipity's sake." We had no concrete plans to boast off. We divide the scheme between rations and fare, away we go fueled by adventure and curiosity.

The trip, however, was blessed with good weather and occasional rainshowers. From a distance of 10 km, you could almost see shades of Magbit Beach, a patch of green land, and a tapestry of beautiful blue sky as though forming a grand canopy. Beneath this is a streak of smoke that billowed Mountains Tanggyud and Camiguin. This spreads westward, fusing with thick layers of fog that had descended on Mt. Camiguin. The mountains have caught the fancy of hikers, but the communities living near them have warned about the presence there of the Philippine cobra and other reptiles. Mt. Tanggyud, on the other hand, is a favorite subject of interest for researchers and Ornithology students.

But this would not mean Camiguin has no hiking grounds to offer. A mere 15-minute boat ride leads visitors to the beautiful island of Pamuktan, currently the focus of disputes between former Barangay Balatubat teacher Emma Mariana, the recognized owner and other concerned parties. We asked Mariana her opinion on the tourism potentials of Camiguin and how it could be improved.

Mariana admitted the lack of adequate accommodation in Camiguin that shoo visitors away. Although the barangay has put up five cottages that charge a nominal rent fee of P250 per night, Mariana said these are not enough to host a large group of visitors, especially during the summer months. The cottages have a communal bathroom with tap water and electricity both powered by the barangay's generator.

And because Mariana believes the only way to boost tourism is to offer something different, she has opened Pamuktan to visitors who specifically love the outdoors.

In Pamuktan, one can pitch a tent on a pocket of pastureland surrounded by the mooing sounds of farm animals. There's a natural pond, where *bangus* (milkfish) and *tilapia* are grown, an ideal come-on for those who love fishing. Then there is a walkway profused with tree-lined *latupat* (Noni) and *calamansi*, forming a canopy and a natural fence to protect Pamuktan from unwelcome visitors.

Given more time, Pamuktan, Mariana said, could make up for Camiguin's lack. But she isn't sure of Babuyan's unpredictable weather.

"Everything here follows a pattern, which is dependent on the dictates of nature. These are shiftings that govern the daily run of our existence. To understand this is to grasp as well the interplay of wet and dry season," Mariana said.

In the morning, men rush to the shoreline to gather seaweeds. In the afternoon, they cast their nets out in the open water for a few catch. The non-fisherfolk are involved in the buy-and-sell of scraps believed to be from parts of a World War II shipwreck. Juan Duerme, who is a popular first-stage buyer of these parts in Camiguin, said he buys from a commissioned hauler at P3 a kilo and sells the same to a second-stage buyer in Aparri at a price.

Heart of the economy

Fuga's natural elements are marginal but it has a community system, social stratification and network based on the *sari-sari* store and the *kuliglig* (bike) driver. The moneyed and key players in politics own chains of stores and a ship that regularly plies the route. Each time the stores close shop, it is the *kuliglig* driver who takes over the role in delivering goods around the barangays.

The *kuliglig* driver is also a repository of dearly held secrets of families. Among the *kuliglig*'s interesting forays is a story of good and Taiwan nationals. Those who buy the marine fish at almost triple the price are good Taiwanese. The "bad eggs" are those who constructed the torn-down ice plant that was once used as a shabu factory in the mid 1980s.

A HORSE is still a reliable beast of burden on the island.

Within Camiguin's waters, marine fishes are surprisingly limited to *maya-maya, talakitok, dalagang bukid* and *lapu-lapu* sold at P30-50 per kilo. Three pieces of medium-size fish regardless of weight is estimated a kilo. Pork is sold at P70 per kilo and native chicken at P60 per head. Rice is harvested twice a year; before, it used to be once a year. Apparently the population is growing.

Longtime resident Teresita Pagarita attributed the swelling population to in-migration between the five island-barangays and the mainland. She showed us her right middle finger that had been badly bitten by a sea snake when she fed the fishes in the open water. Dog-, mosquito- and snakebites are the common causes of deaths in Camiguin. The traditional antidotes are relievers, which cannot however prevent the bites' long-term effects

Bucolic best

In spite of treacherous, harrowing waves, kindred spirits in the wooded hills and a shaky *baroto* you shouldn't trust, I'd still say bucolic best describes the island-barangays of Babuyan.

Babuyan's uncomplicated way of life remains one of its attractions. With none of the trappings and complications of modern life, the Babuyan is a perfect getaway, where nature, peace and quiet reign. The soothing unadulterated breeze passing through lush vegetation is enough to kiss one's worries away.

Call it unpredictable, like a ceiling rife with intricate designs of clouds that keep Babuyan Islands in the shades. When the day turns into night, the folk rush home to warm themselves. At the crack of dawn, another journey begins as the *baroto* leaves Magbit Beach to bring the good news to Sitio Macanaya.

It's a quiet, almost boring life but for urbanites, there is indeed a sanctuary in Babuyan, where time moves ever so lightly, if at all, cradling us like the *baroto* does in transporting dreams beyond the context of the river-runs.

TRAVELBRIEFS

Airline expands fleet

THAI Airways International is acquiring 14 new aircraft as part of its long-term fleet plan for 2005-2009.

The planned acquisitions include six super long-range aircraft, one super long-range medium-sized aircraft and seven long-range medium-sized aircraft.

Thai has also accelerated delivery of eight A340-500/600 aircraft in one year, as part of the corporate strategic plan to become the region's leading airline.

The new aircraft will also be used for Manila flights.

Thai flies from Manila 10 times weekly to Bangkok and daily to Osaka. Call 8124744 or visit www.thaiairways.com

Bohol fun tours

CEBU Pacific Air (CEB) offers fun tours to Bohol until Aug. 31 with a direct flight to Tagbilaran.

The Countryside Tour package of P9,319 will include a visit to the second oldest stone church in the Philippines, the Baclayon Church, and the picturesque Chocolate Hills, among others.

The Marine Life package of P9,622 will include dolphin and whale watching, a rare exotic display of marine life, and a trip to Pamilacan Island.

Tour packages include round-trip airfare, two-night hotel accommodation with breakfast, and round-trip land and sea transfer. Hotel partners are Bohol Beach Club, Metrocentre Hotel, Bohol Divers and Bohol Tropics.

Cebu Pacific flies daily to Tagbilaran at 6:40 a.m. Call 6364938 or visit www.cebupacificair.com

New flight services to Western India

SINGAPORE Airlines now has a thrice-weekly B777 flight to Ahmedabad, capital of Gujarat in Western India.

Flight SQ462 leaves Singapore every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 0200 hours and arrives in Ahmedabad at 0445 hours the same morning. The return flight, SQ461, will depart at 0600 hours and arrive in Singapore at 1400 hours.

With the new service, SIA and its sister carrier, Silkair, will be covering nine Indian destinations, including New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Bangalore.

A special promotion is available for Filipinos who would like to visit Ahmedabad and New Delhi. For $1,190, passengers will get economy-class airfare, seven-nights accommodations in four- and five-star hotels, full-day tours and full-board meals. They will also earn double Krisflyer miles when they visit Ahmedabad anytime until Sept. 28.

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So far, there are 41 Singapore Airlines stations accepting ticketless travel. Call 8104951 to 59.

Volcano adventure package

THE NEWLY renovated Taal Vista Hotel, now managed by Fuego Hotels and Properties, offers the "Volcano Adventure Package" until Dec. 31. It includes overnight accommodations in a Superior room, plus free breakfast at the coffee shop.

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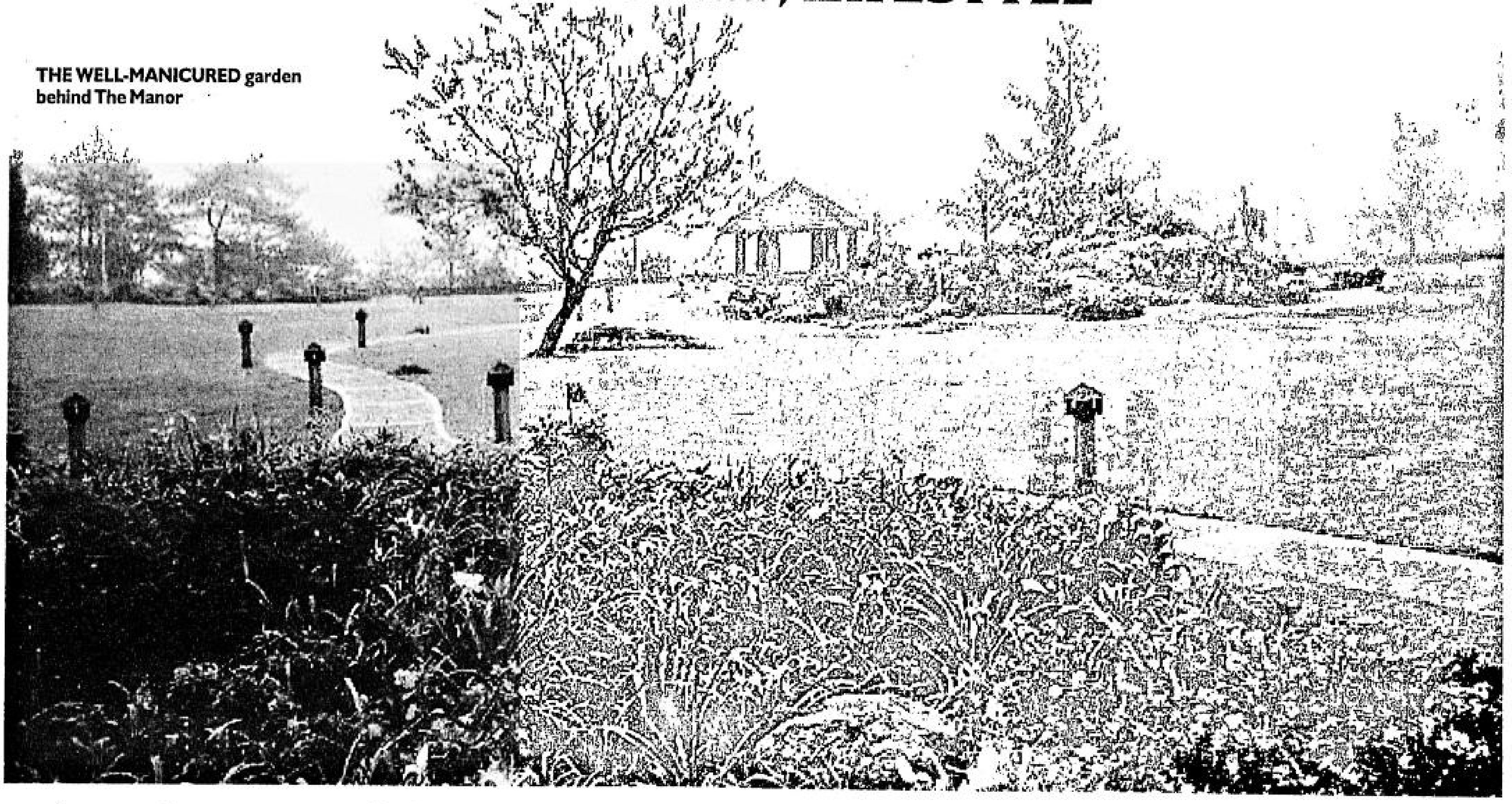


THE WELL-MANICURED garden behind The Manor

Camp John Hay's development tries to harmonize commercial aspirations with nature preservation

The best of both worlds at Camp John Hay

Text and photos by Belle V. Bondoc

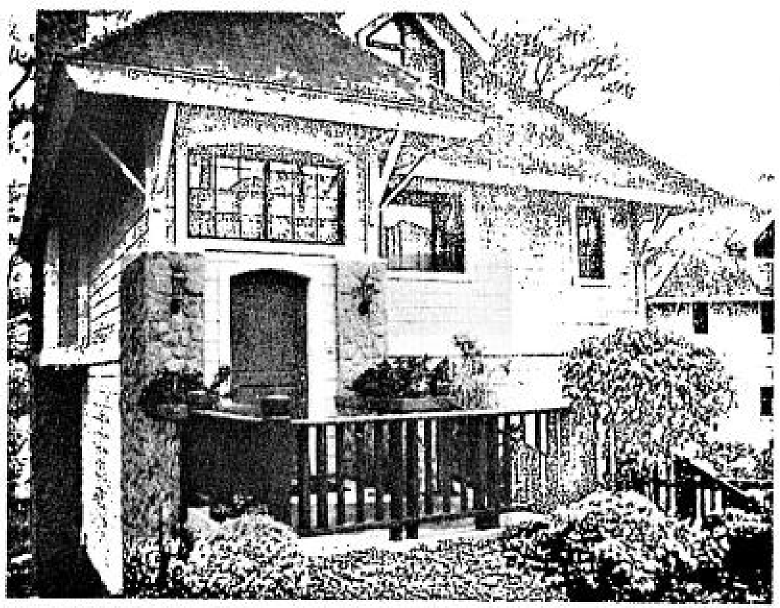
SOME people say a trip to Baguio City would not be complete without a visit to Camp John Hay, a 250-ha nature preserve and prime land dotted with over 250,000 pine trees. They might just be right.

The camp is one of the few places in Baguio where one can get close to nature once again. Here you can go on a nature walk, watch the butterflies or just sit on the deck of the famous Manor and shut Manila out for a few hours.

John Hay marries the best of both worlds: land development and nature preservation. Most of the camp's spectacular forested areas—unmarred by high-rise structures—are managed forestland. They have parks, lush gardens and pleasant picnic spots, offering an endless variety of recreational, environmental and cultural activities perfect for everyone.

Once a recreation place for American military personnel based in the Philippines, the camp was named after John Milton Hay, secretary of state of President William McKinley. In 1991, the Philippine government took over the camp and eventually leased it to Fil-Estate for conversion into a mixed leisure estate.

Now, Camp John Hay Development Corp. (CJHDevCo) and the John Hay Management Corp. are moving more aggressively to turn the former American "playground" into a premier tourism, human-resource development and forest recreation facility.



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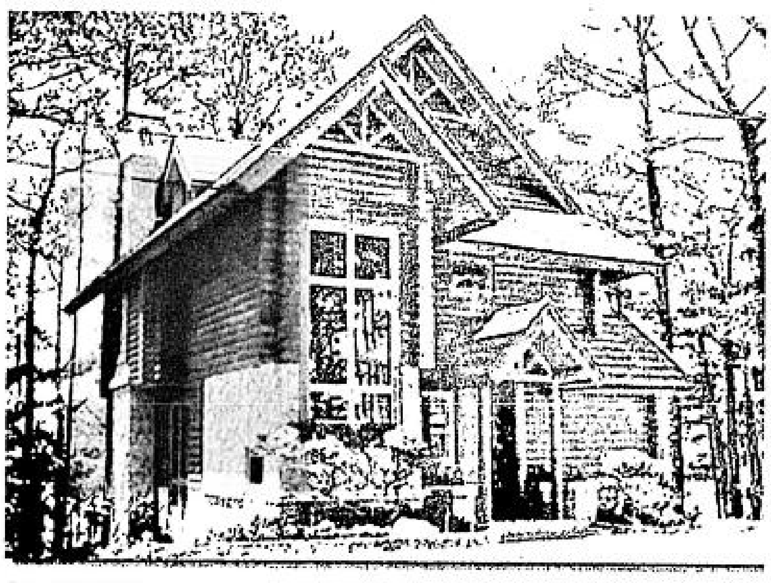

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Eco-friendly development

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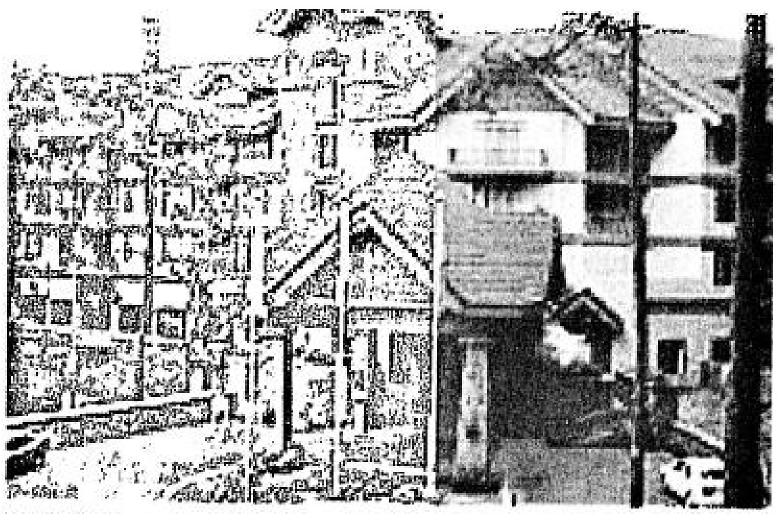

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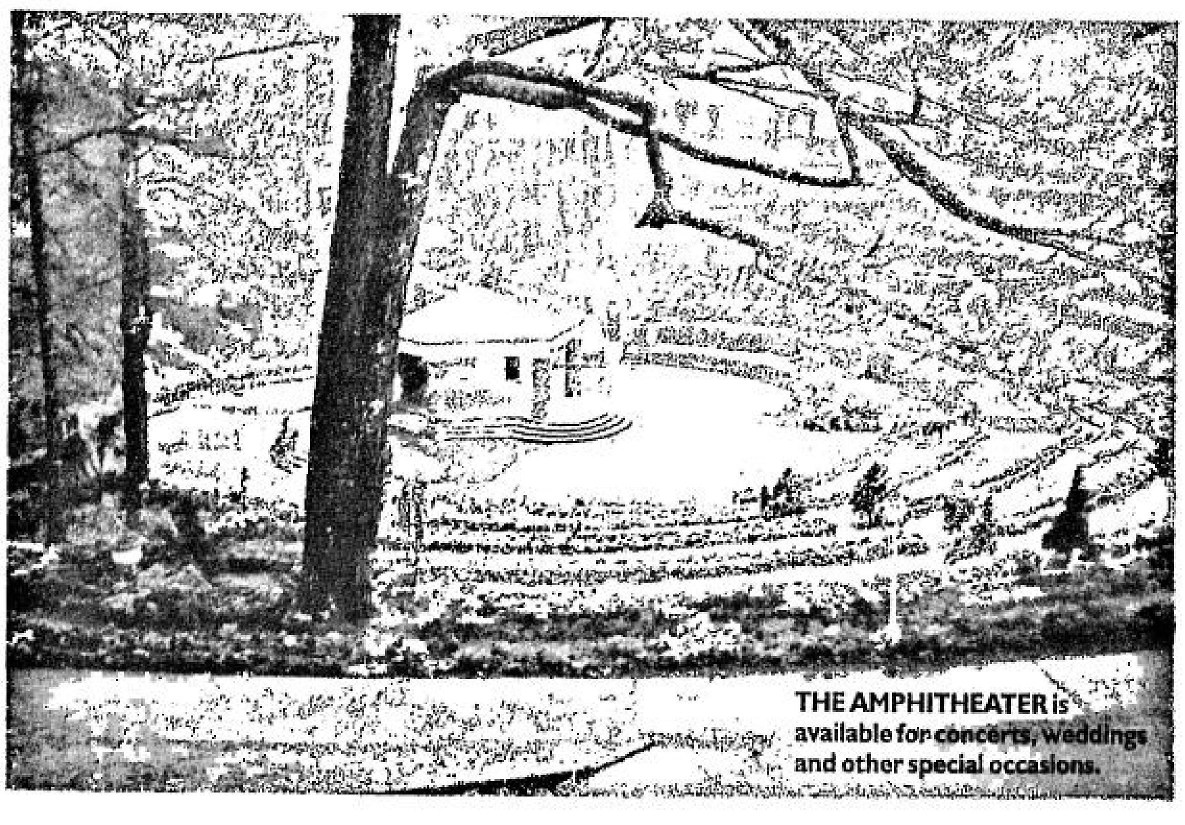

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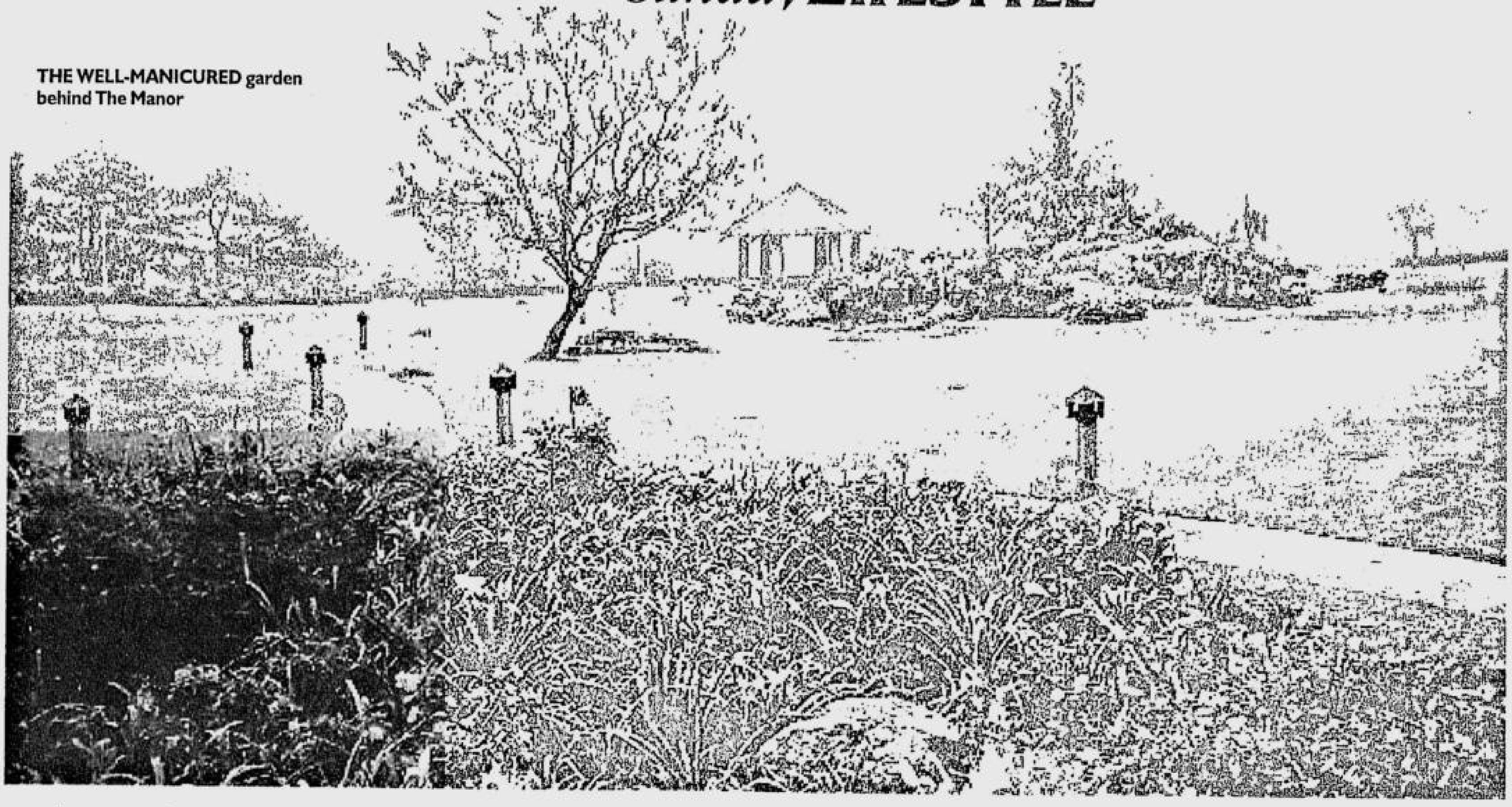
THE WELL-MANICURED garden behind The Manor

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The best of both worlds at Camp John Hay

Text and photos by Belle V. Bondoc

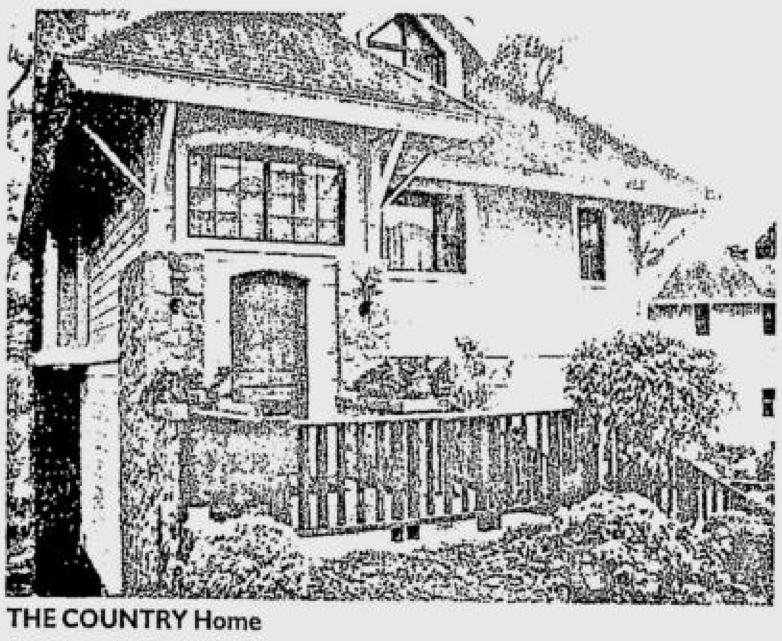
SOME people say a trip to Baguio City would not be complete without a visit to Camp John Hay, a 250-ha nature preserve and prime land dotted with over 250,000 pine trees. They might just be right.

The camp is one of the few places in Baguio where one can get close to nature once again. Here you can go on a nature walk, watch the butterflies or just sit on the deck of the famous Manor and shut Manila out for a few hours.

John Hay marries the best of both worlds: land development and nature preservation. Most of the camp's spectacular forested areas—unmarred by high-rise structures—are managed forestland. They have parks, lush gardens and pleasant picnic spots, offering an endless variety of recreational, environmental and cultural activities perfect for everyone.

Once a recreation place for American military personnel based in the Philippines, the camp was named after John Milton Hay, secretary of state of President William McKinley. In 1991, the Philippine government took over the camp and eventually leased it to Fil-Estate for conversion into a mixed leisure estate.

Now, Camp John Hay Development Corp. (CJHDevCo) and the John Hay Management Corp. are moving more aggressively to turn the former American "playground" into a premier tourism, human-resource development and forest recreation facility.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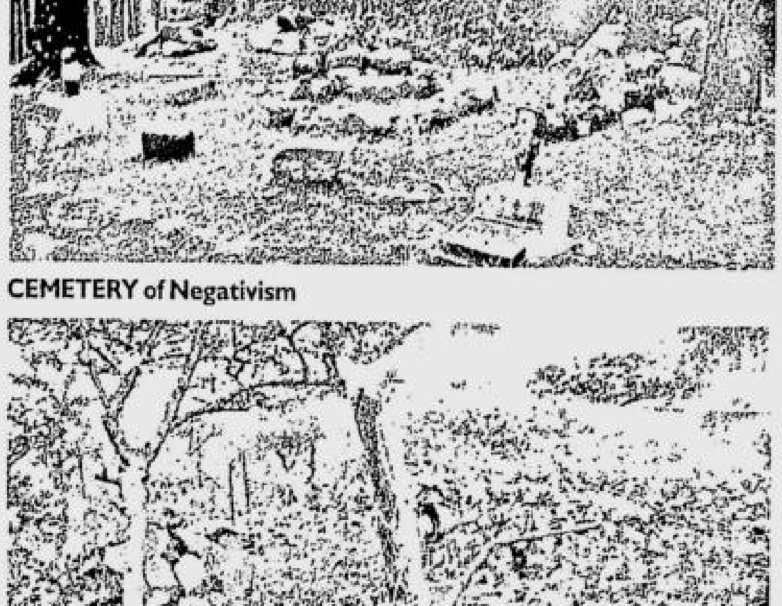
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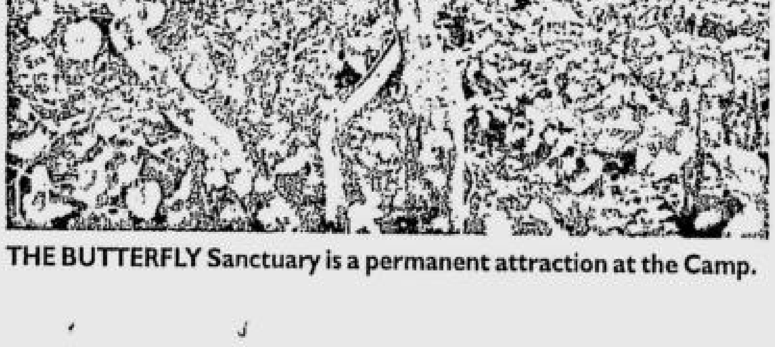
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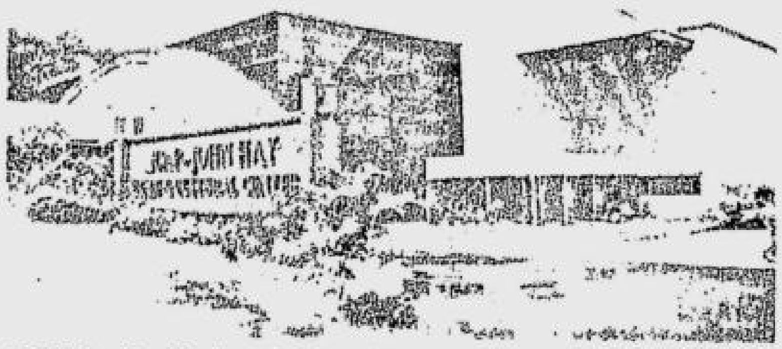

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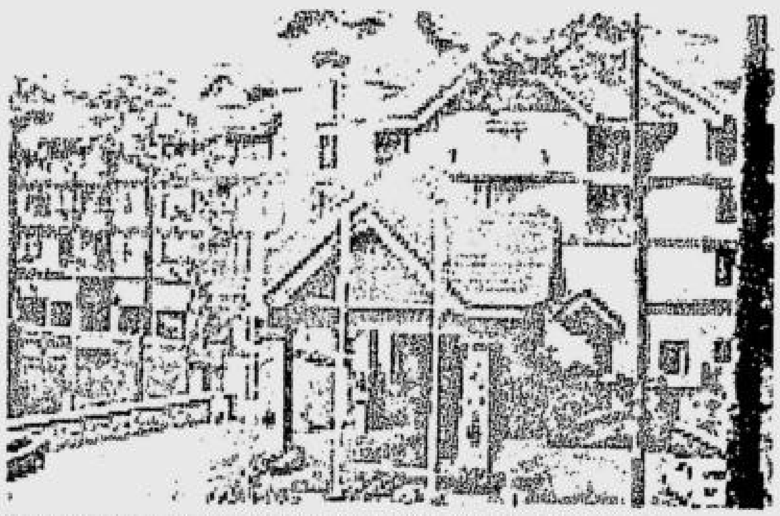
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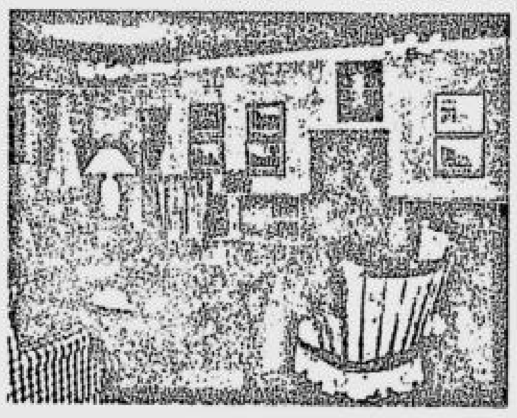
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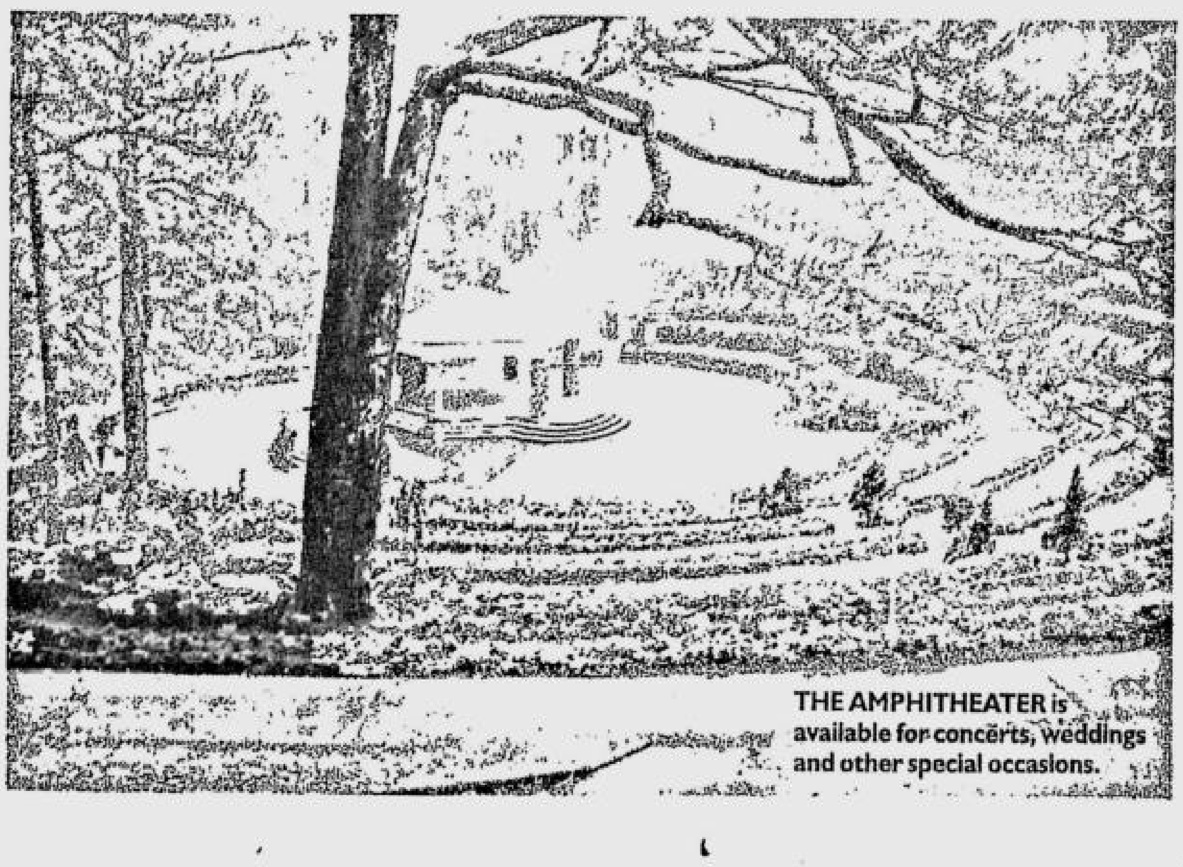
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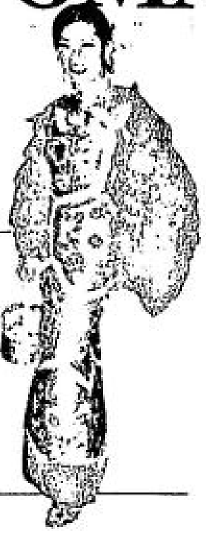

TIME management is really one of the most difficult tasks one has to do these days. This is especially so for someone who doesn't have a 9-to-5 job. When one does not have to time in, the variables of time get more complicated because there is no definite line between work and play.

In most architectural and interior design firms, there are times when you can be swamped with projects, and then there are the dog days, when your staff can be twiddling their thumbs waiting to punch out. It seems this is also true in show biz. One day you're in every show with a full schedule, then after your 15 minutes of fame are up, you're a has-been actor endorsing rat poison.

Keeping the proper balance of family, work, exercise and socials is the most challenging part of my life. Once, I overheard my son, **Tyrone**, asking his *yaya* why Mommy is always out at night. My day-job husband **Dennis** explained to him that his mom has the night shift in the social world and so has to be pre-

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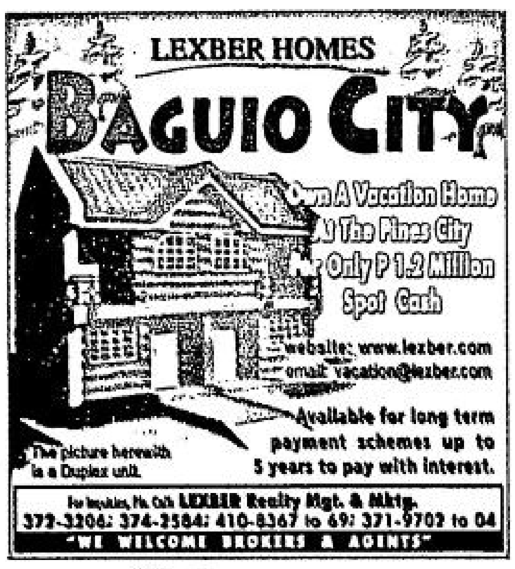
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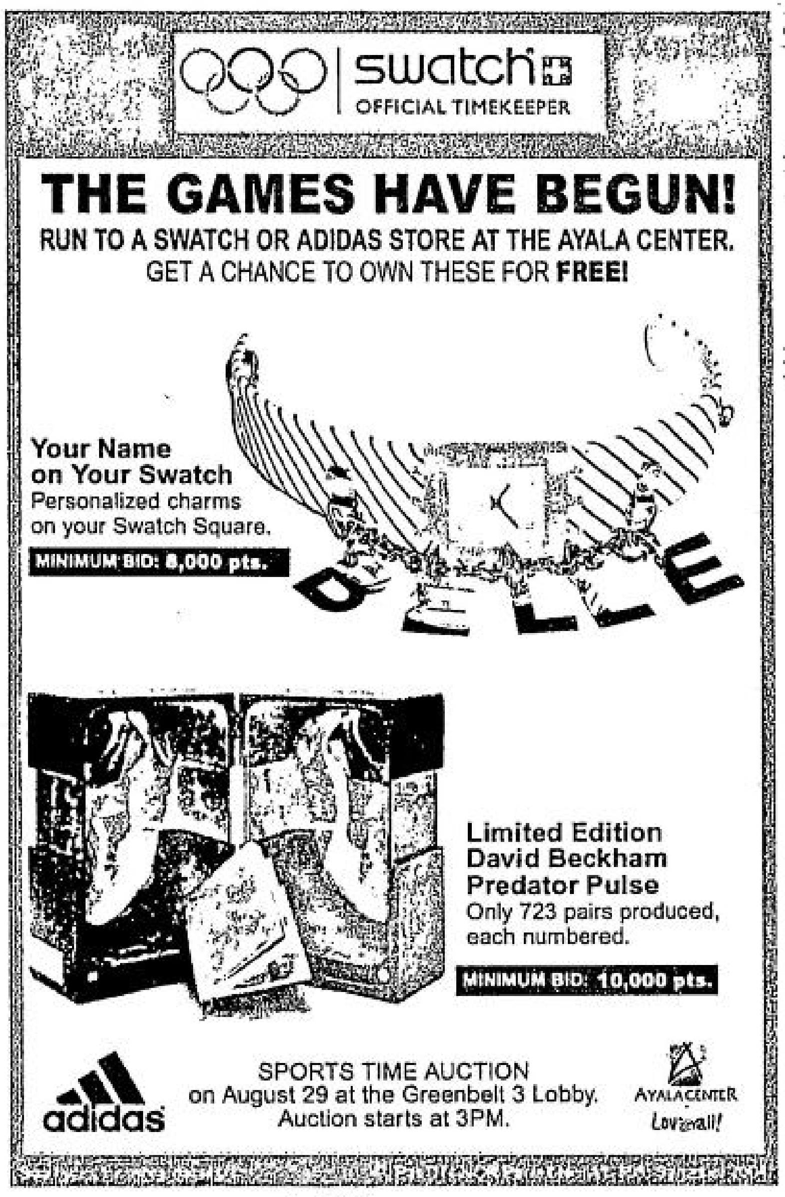
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Earthquake rocks a neighborhood!

Cause of unusual tremors investigated

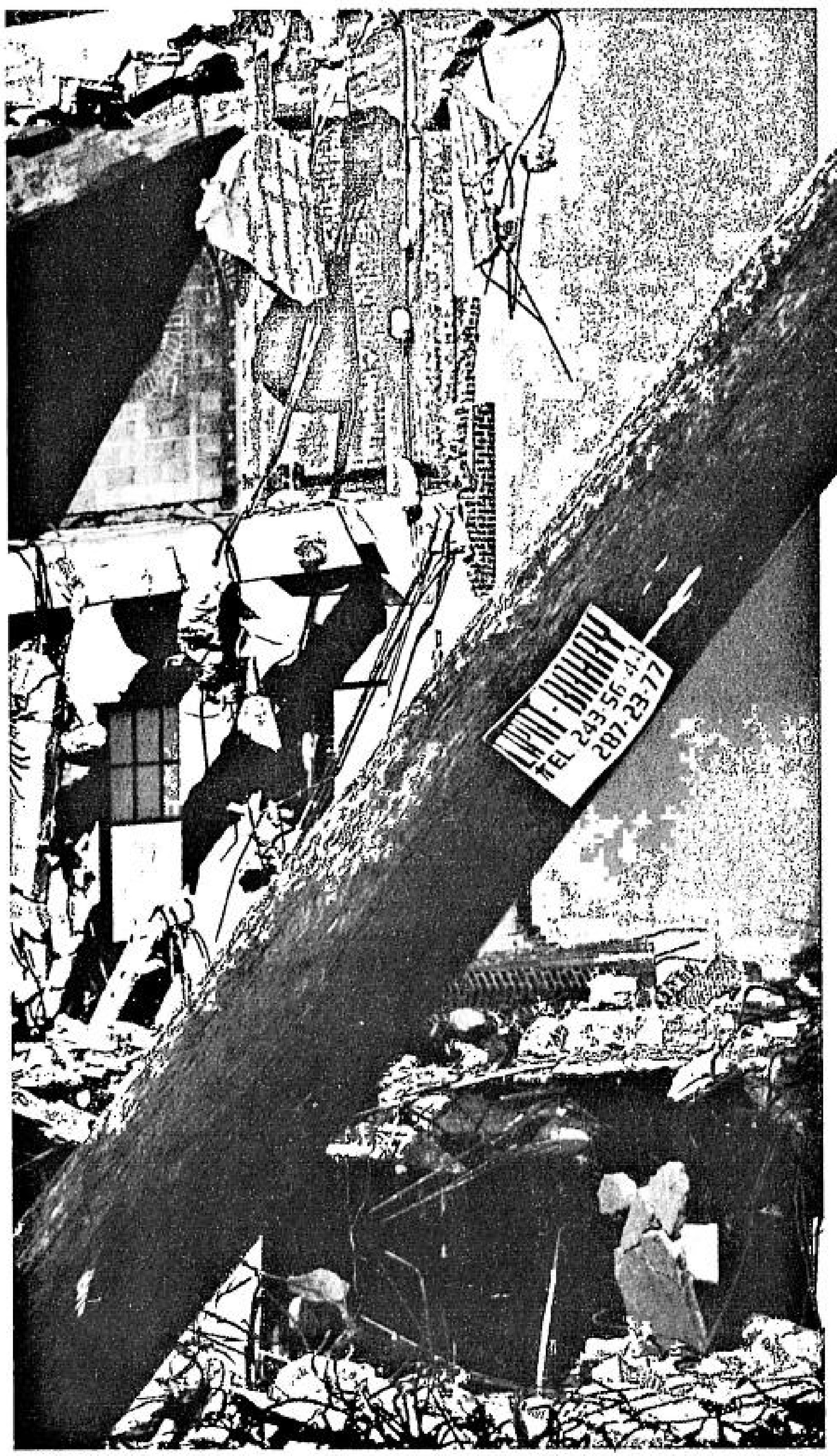
AN UNUSUAL phenomenon occurred yesterday when an earthquake hit only an isolated area of a neighborhood in Manila.

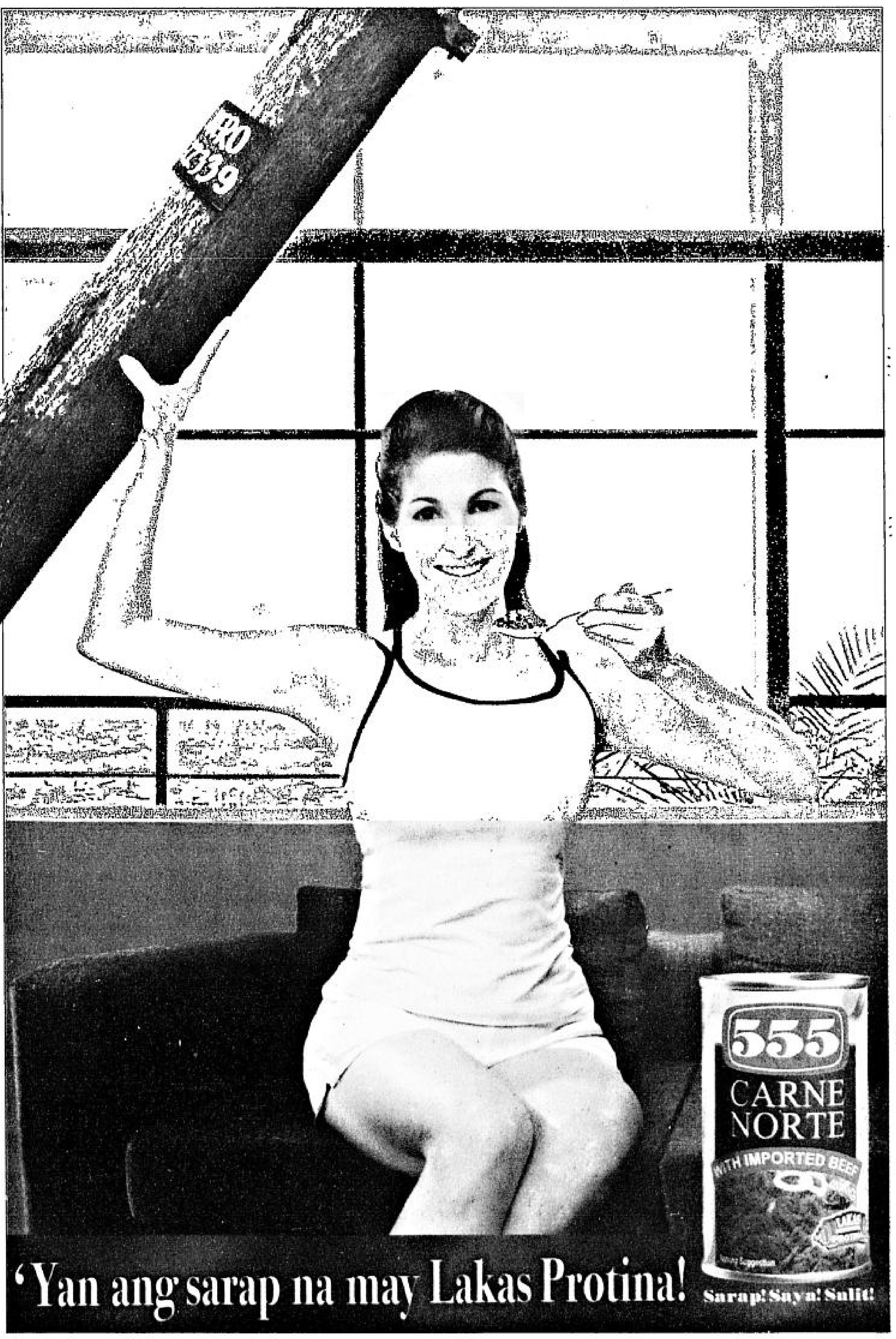
According to eyewitnesses, the tremors were felt only in one building and nearby structures. Most of the damage occurred in the Century Condominium building and an electrical post nearby.

Jackie Lou Blanco, actress and fitness expert who lives in the Century building was shocked to see the damage in the different floors.

"I was home, but I didn't feel the earthquake. Maybe I was too busy eating 555 Carne Norte! I was enjoying it so much because it was so delicious. Plus I was listening to great music the whole time, tapping my feet..."

Investigations have shown that the source of the earthquake was highly extraordinary. It seemed to have emanated from the third floor of the building, particularly in the unit where Ms. Blanco lives. Experts on the scene say that a strong force coming from that area caused the tremors and the subsequent damage. Upon further questioning, Ms. Blanco maintained that she was not aware of the earthquake during its occurrence, that indeed she was just eating 555 Carne Norte and tapping her feet to music at that time.


AFTERSHOCKS. The damage on the residential street hit by the mysterious earthquake.



Walking tall with GMA

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sent in several events.

Well, clearly Tyrone's comment resulted in a few guilty feelings, so I decided to limit my functions to those that are given by friends and, of course, the Bench "Understatement" show (a night of thrill once a year). I wonder if there is any software that can get my life more organized, prioritize the events in my social calendar and keep me home in time to tuck my kids in every night.

At the launch of the publication and website of Quality Britain Philippines, I witnessed how the staff of President **GMA** scheduled her activities and monitored her time in the event. With her mind on more important issues, the least of her worries is figuring out which social event to attend. If she can manage her time properly and she is heading a whole nation, why can't I balance my own life?

As I greeted the President, she whispered to me that she enjoyed reading my article last week about my frustration about my height. I was so flattered that I was part of her Sunday reading. She commented that our photo together had a better composition than that of myself with **Lucy Torres**. But with my blonde wig and orange feathers that evening, I can say I was taller than her, at least for one night! Our dear President is an excellent example that great things come in small packages.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." This was shared to me in an e-mail from tall and statuesque **Sabrina Panlilio**. She wrote, "He could not have been more correct when it comes to you. I admire the courage you have to be yourself and dress yourself up as it pleases you. We all get entertained seeing you in your many wonderful costumes. You are a breath of fresh air! So don't worry too much about your height. Better to see a tiny you full of confidence, vibrant and joyful, than a tall woman who is bent and lacking the confidence it takes to carry her height." Thank you, Sabrina. It's comments like yours that make my job of writing for lifestyle truly a wonderful experience.

Pure energy at 40

The e-mail was a rare feel-great about being short. Good cheer must have been in the air last week because we felt so loved after watching the concert of **Gary Valenciano**. The last Gary V concert I attended (I have become a diehard fan ever since **Ricco Ocampo** of Anonymous invited me many, many concerts ago) was pure energy from beginning to end. I was not only jumping and shouting for joy, I was shaking my bootie trying to gyrate in the aisles. The show is always an inspirational event. My ever-irreverent husband Dennis asked me, "Does this mean we don't need to go to Mass on Sunday?" Our religious friend **Mia Borromeo** said that maybe because of the show, we didn't have to go to Mass for two months. But by the time the concert was over, all of us decided we were "inspired" for the rest of the year!

Several personalities were flashed on the wide screen, and the loudest cheer was that for Bro. **Eddie Villanueva**, with **Aga Muhlach** coming in a close second. I guess this was clearly his crowd. Personally I felt it was nonsectarian. We all have the same God anyway. I noticed **Angeli's** mother, who was sitting beside me, holding a rosary while waving her hands in the air.

Banking on talent

The HSBC Premiere Cinemusica Concert was a totally different atmosphere. The exclusive concert for its premiere customers was an evening of Hollywood theme songs sung by the country's top performers, including Tony awardee **Lea Salonga**, diva **Anna Fegi** and versatile **Robert Seña**. The Company also joined in, providing a pleasant mix of songs, but my favorite was the musical version of the Flintstones.

Another musical first that evening was a song by **Gerard Salonga**, the equally talented brother of Lea. He was also the music director while playing keyboards. What an amazing artist! I can't even sing in the shower or play Chopsticks on the piano. But at least I know I can dance, so I can't wait for the Lady Salsa Show to perform early next year. I will surely salsa the night away.

It was generous of HSBC to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation that evening, as proceeds went to this charity that grants wishes to cancer-stricken kids. Good health is truly a blessing. Gary V has been a juvenile diabetic for over 20 years and yet he celebrates even more blessings. Angeli told me Gary's father just had a stroke in his right eye (but is out of the hospital already), rendering him 50 percent blind. This avid photographer released just last week an all-photo book about his son. God truly works in mysterious ways. When He shuts one door, He opens a lot more. And if one is lucky, sometimes this door leads to a shopping mall!

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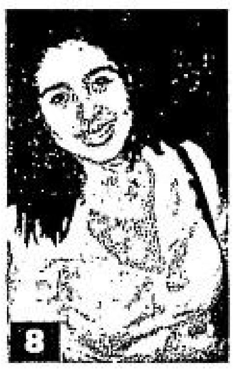
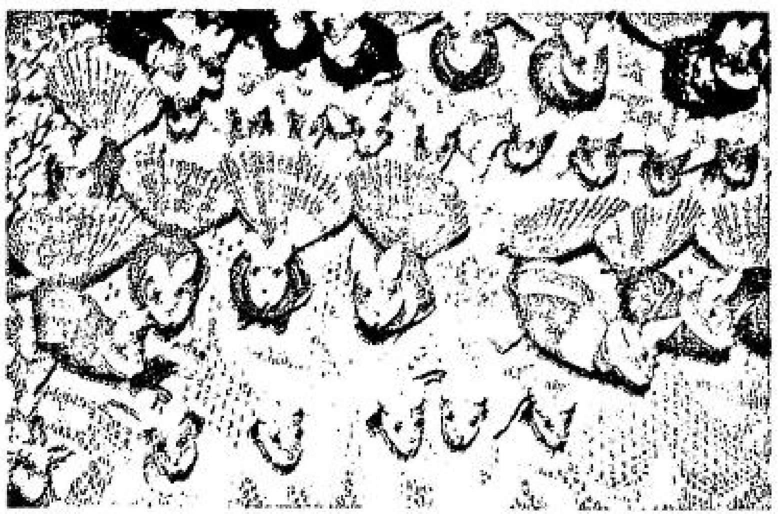
HSBC CONCERT. 1. Lea Salonga, Robert Seña, Anna Fegi and The Company; 2. Vina Gonzalez with lovely daughter Melissa enjoying the show; 3. Music lovers Suzy and Paqui Ortigas; 4. Brilliant minds, HSBC CEO Warner Manning and INQUIRER chair Marixi Prieto; 5. Roberto Romulo with daddy's girl Maritina Nolasco; 6. Stylish Bonnie Gokson with Tatler's Anton San Diego; 7. Longtime family friends Cory and Nonoy Alindogan; 8. Make-A-Wish circle of friends; 9. Martin Cook of HSBC with diva Anna Fegi



GARY V HAPPENING. 1. Happy family—Anthony and Maricel Pangilinan with their kids; 2. Cute show biz couple Aga Muhlach and Charlene Gonzales; 3. Gary fans Bettina Ocampo and Mia Borromeo; 4. ABS-CBN boss Cito Alejandro with wife Cynthia and Gary's better half, Angeli Valenciano; 5. Anonymous family—Ricco and Celina Ocampo; 6. Funny girl Candy Pangilinan with Angeli's mom, Emma; 7. Gary's sister Gina Martinez with the Sea Princess; 8. Pretty Marjorie Barretto Padilla

Small businesses get into the big league



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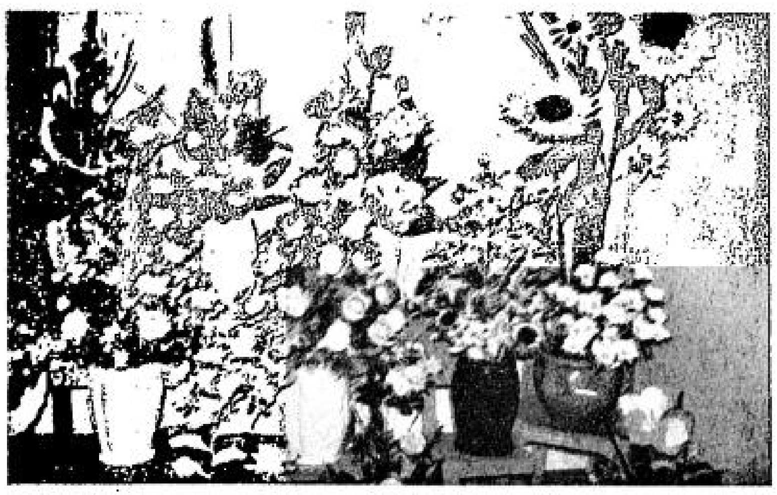


THESE artificial flowers are beautifully arranged by members of an Ilocos cooperative.

SM Southmall and SM City Bacoor have opened Livelihood Centers to help micro entrepreneurs and community cooperatives market their products.

The project was initiated by SM Foundation to help small enterprises gradually get into the economic mainstream.

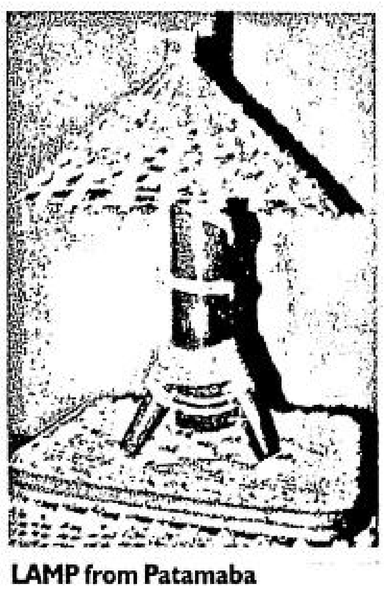
The centers have around 63 exhibitors. The entrepreneurs were assisted by the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), the Technology and Livelihood Resource Center (TLRC), the Technological Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).

Among the items available at the centers are ornamental plants, handwoven bags, wood and shell craft items, handmade soap and body products, and native delicacies. Also available are ceramics, herbal medicines, candles and candleholders, furniture, framed artworks, cosmetics, and fashion accessories.

Simple ceremonies marked the opening of SM Foundation's Livelihood Center at the SM City Bacoor. The ceremonies included the signing of a memorandum of agreement, ribbon-cutting, and speeches by project proponents.

Representatives of partner agencies attended the event—PBSP director Eden Garde, CDA's Neil Santillan, Tesda's Brenda Furuganan and TLRC's Beato Griarte. SM Foundation was represented by executive directors Debby Sy and Connie Angeles, and SM Supermalls senior assistant vice president for leasing Daisy Chua.

The SM Livelihood Centers are at the lower ground floors of SM City Bacoor and SM Southmall.



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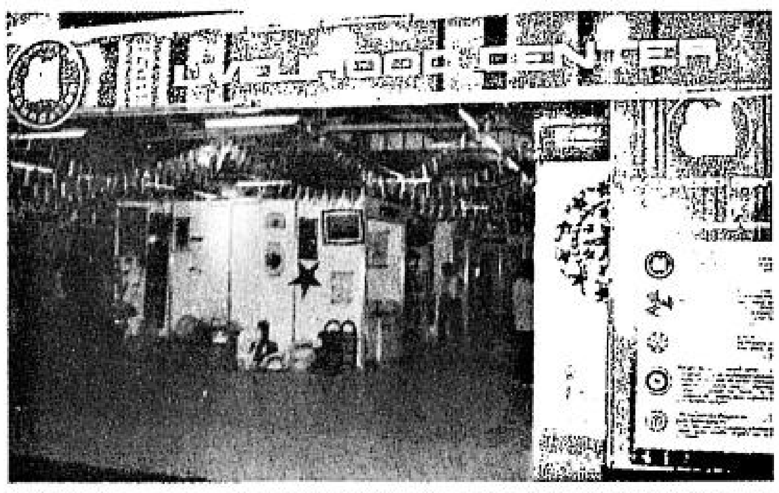


SM Livelihood Centers are located in the lower G/L of SM City Bacoor and SM Southmall.

LEYTE Countryside Entrepreneurship's Christmas trees, lanterns and décor made of capiz shells

7M people bathe in Lourdes' healing spring every year

OUR Lady of Lourdes told Bernadette Soubirous on March 25, 1858, to dig, kiss the ground and eat the grass that was there for sinners. Then, she told the peasant girl to "go drink at the spring and wash yourself there."

From the hard ground flowed water that is now a spring that heals sick people coming from all over the world. Although there are 7,000 recorded instances of healing, the Catholic Church has approved only 66 miracles. The last was a paralyzed man who suddenly walked.

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

Our group of 28 pilgrims, organized by Adam's Travel, arrived in Lourdes on July 25, in time for the procession of the sick. The following afternoon, we waited for the baths to open. With separate sections for male and female, the baths are cared for by volunteers who help the pilgrims undress, wrap them in sheets and submerge them into the water after praying to the Our Lady of Lourdes.

The water was cold. As soon as I got out of the bath, the water dried up even without a towel. We waited a long time to bathe, while the Holy Rosary was prayed in Spanish or French. The people responded in their own languages.

Symbolism of the water

Travelers to Lourdes bring home bottles of the miraculous water they collect from faucets attached to the spring. Lourdes water symbolizes the love of Christ who gave up His life for sinners. Water is also a sign of Baptism that has given us life as children of God. Finally, water is a sign of the sacrament of Penance through which God offers us forgiveness, purification and reconciliation.

Touching the grotto's walls

After the procession on our first day, we joined the long line of people waiting to touch the walls of the cave where the image of the Virgin was enthroned. We quietly said our prayers while holding our petitions and those from friends that we would drop in a petition box inside.

Our spiritual chaplain, Fr. Carlito Pono of the Guadalupe Parish in Cebu, said it did not matter if we had been to Lourdes many times. There was always something to learn, to experience. It truly was awesome to see people of various nationalities with sick relatives or friends. Hospitalers or volunteers push the wheelchairs. Sick children are brought by parents who lovingly hold them or whisper loving words to them.

Being at Lourdes is seeing God at work. You see a community of believers. It was God's work that made us climb on July 26, feast of St. Anne, the hill where the Stations of the Cross were set up. Mamerto Banatin, our tour leader, kindly held my arm as I climbed because the road was full of pebbles and rocks. Afterwards, we gathered at the Chapel of St. Michael for the Mass celebrated by Fr. Pono.

Pilgrims do different things—sit in front of the grotto and talk to the Virgin, walk the grounds in contemplation, or join the evening procession for the sick.

So beautiful was our experience that Adam's Travel will offer the same itinerary on Oct. 12, so others can also share in these miraculous events.

Lourdes is an experience one should have in his/her lifetime. Those who are interested can call Adam's Travel at 5211651/38.

Our Lady of All Nations

The first city in our itinerary was Amsterdam, where we visited the Chapel of Our Lady of All Nations. It is here where Ida Peederman saw the Virgin for the first time on March 25, 1945, and on several occasions later.

When Fr. Pono said Mass, we offered our petitions in a small basket placed on the altar. After the Mass, I put the basket before Our Lady's image. I could feel her presence because I had goose pimples on my arms. Another pilgrim Flor Enriquez felt it, too.

From Amsterdam we drove to Paris where we stayed for two nights. On our second day we had Mass at the upper chapel on the right side of the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal church. It was the first time Fr. Pono said Mass there, although he had been to the church three times.

San Roque's feast

San Roque, a popular saint in the Philippines, is also venerated in Montpellier, a city near Nice, France. He is called St. Roch there and enthroned in an old church. We had difficulty finding the church.

PILGRIMS of Adam's Travel in front of the Basilica of Our Lady of Lourdes in France

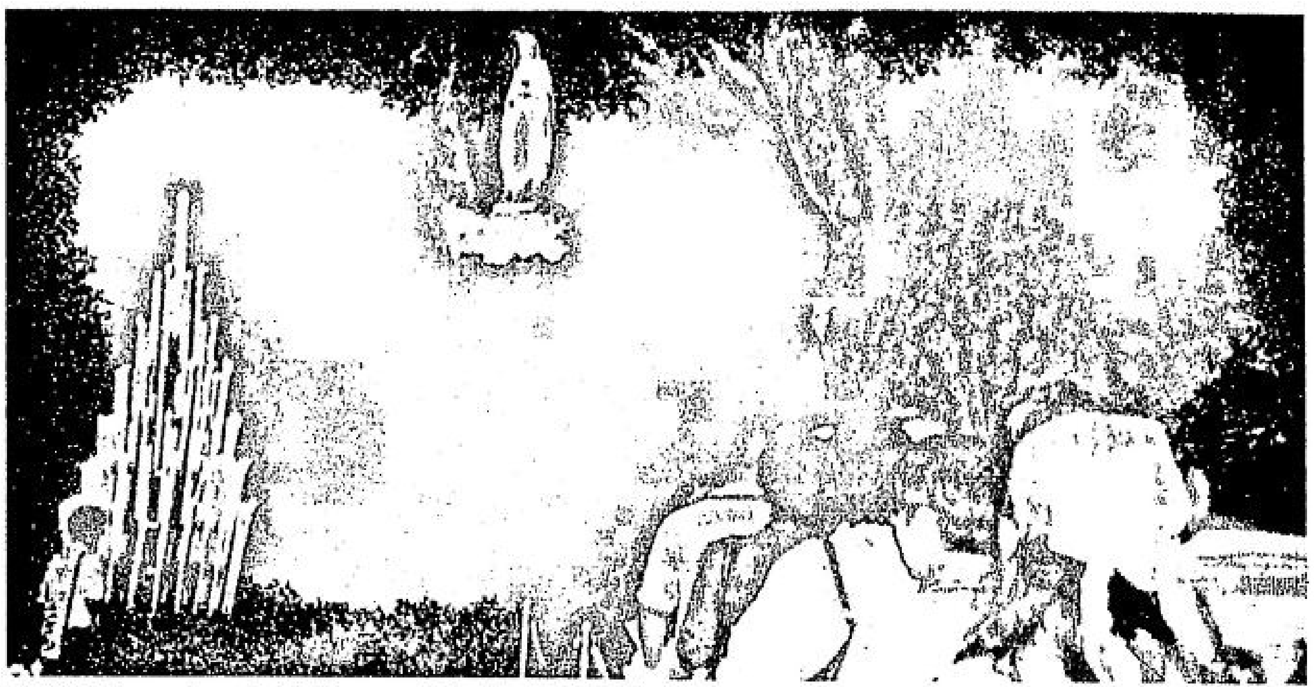
In Polo, Bulacan, the feast of San Roque on Aug. 18 will be marked with a procession during which men and women would be calling the saint's name.

Mother Francisca movie

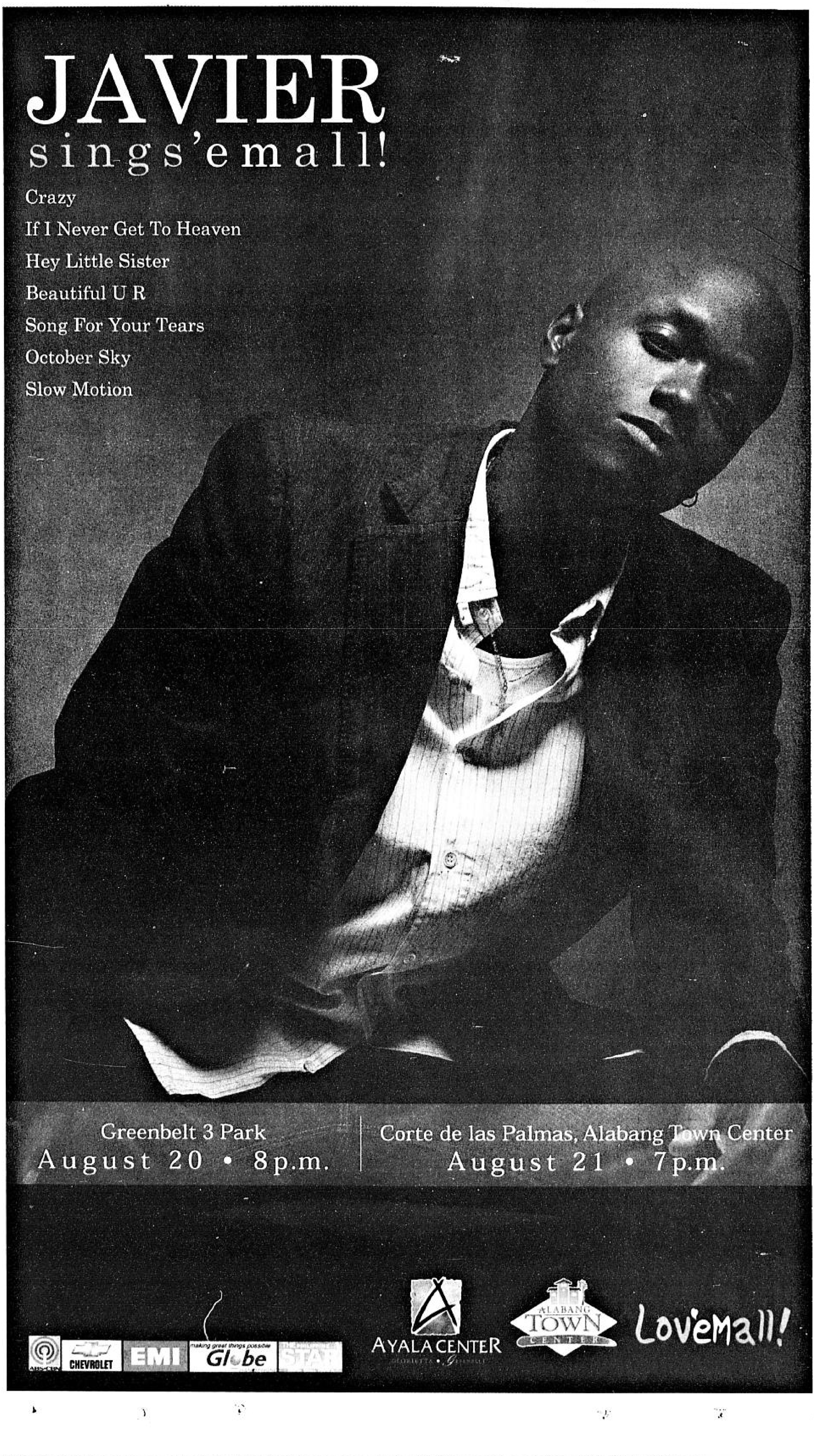
The life of Mother Francisca del Espiritu Santo will be made into a movie for the Manila Film Festival next June. Filming starts in February with Alice Dixson as Mother Francisca and Christopher de Leon as the narrator, Fr. Valderrama. Writer-director is Aloy Adlawan. Francis Villacorta, supervising producer, will write a book on the making of the movie.

The Dominican community will mark the 293rd death anniversary of Mother Francisca with a Holy Mass at 3 p.m., Aug. 24, at the chapel of Letran University in Intramuros.

Today is the feast of the Our Lady of the Assumption. Happy feast day, Mama Mary!



PEOPLE line up to go inside the cave of Our Lady of Lourdes.



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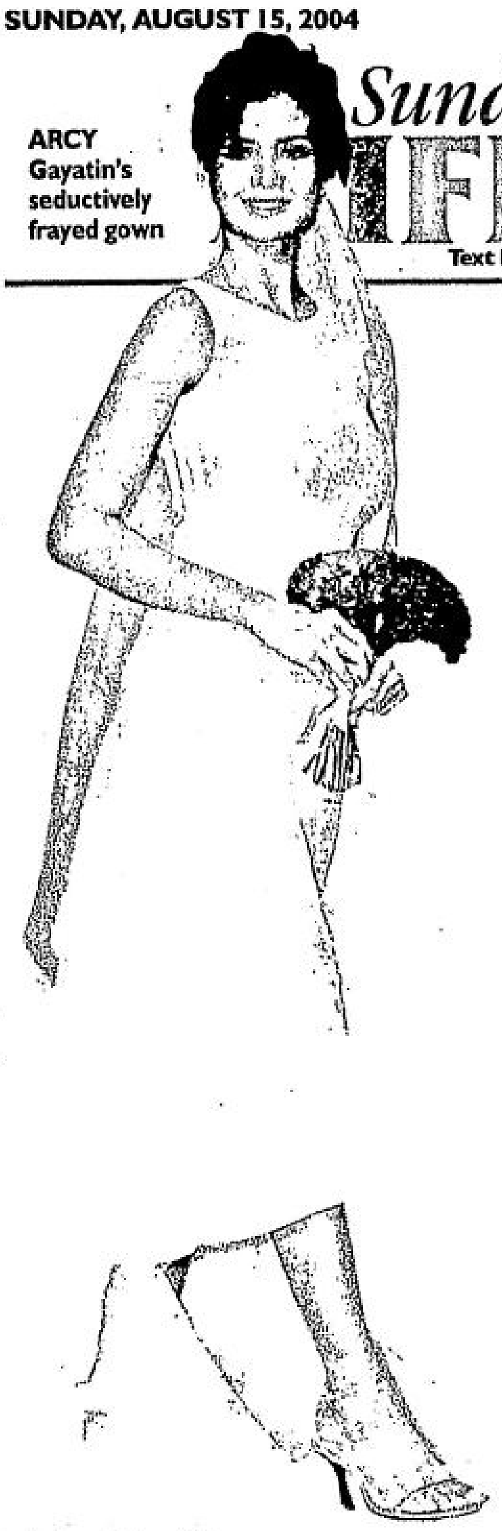
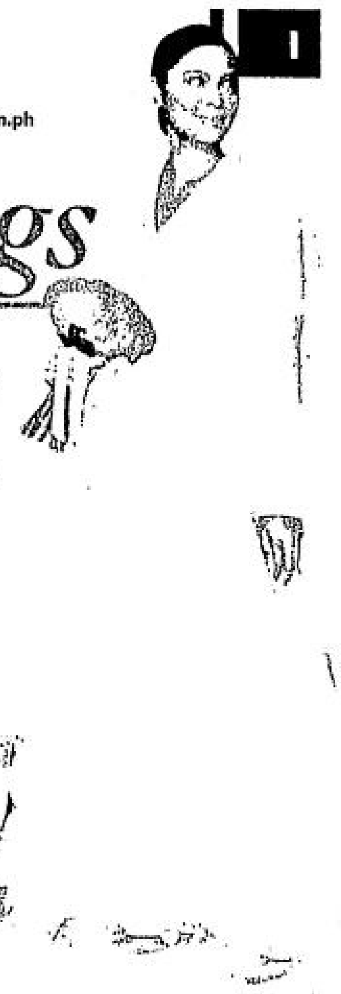


ARCY Gayatin's seductively frayed gown



ELEGANT coat-inspired gown with ruffle details by Joji Lloren

Feast of bridal finery

Text by Allison W. Lopez
Photos by Rudy Esperas

THREE bridal motifs—the Asian, the Romantic and the Classic—will share the stage at the annual Bridal Gala of the Fashion and Design Council of the Philippines (FDCP) at "Wedding Celebrations 2005," Edsa Shangri-La Hotel wedding fair on Aug. 22.

Ten FDCP designers per theme will be presenting their own takes on the motifs in the show to be directed by designer Frederick Peralta.

Aside from well-known names like Arcy Gayatin, Jesus Lloren, Patrice Ramos-Diaz, Tippi Ocampo and Len Nepomuceno Guiao, who recently displayed their updated creations in a sneak preview, nine new FDCP members will join the gala for the first time.

These are Cebu-based designer Edwin Ao, Ivarluski Aseron, Avel Bacudio, JC Buendia, Rhett Eala, Jun Escario, Ramon Esteban, Joey Samson and Mel Vergel de Dios.

Ortiz adds that as designers and brides themselves are getting more experimental, new fabrics for wedding gowns will be showcased. His gown, for instance, would be "more structured," and would make use of a new fabric—metallic silk organdy—from India.

"We will also see more of resort gowns and ethnic-inspired gowns," says FDCP president Randy Ortiz.

Another highlight of the event is the return of the terno as exquisite bridal wear.

The elegant terno made a big comeback last year with tributes to couturiers Ramon Valera and Joe Salazar, who both popularized the reinvented *baro't saya* with their excellent craftsmanship. In the '60s and '70s, blushing brides walking down the aisle in the terno were aplenty.

Matrimonial showcase

The FDCP Bridal Gala is the high point of "Wedding Celebrations 2005." Touted as the biggest bridal fair of the year, the event will have over 150 exhibitors showcasing bridal finery and men's wear, invitations and stationery, souvenirs, jewelry and accessories, floral arrangements, and furnishing and décor to set up the newlyweds'

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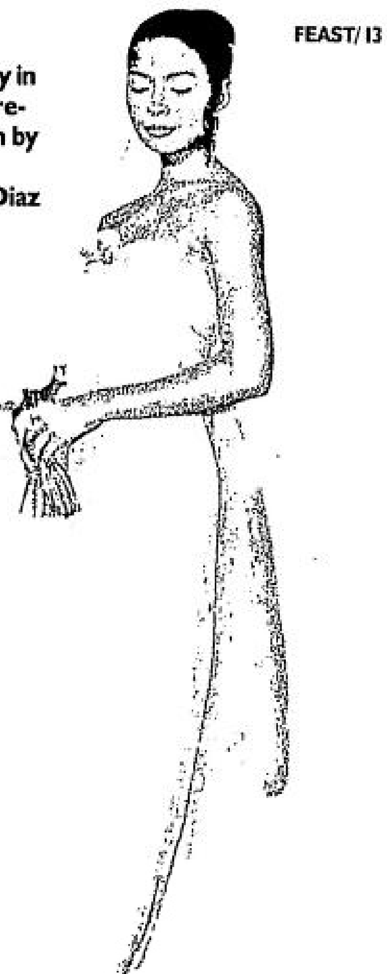

STARK simplicity in an empire-cut gown by Patrice Ramos-Diaz

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Tayong mga nanay, pag kumpletong palaman K-R-A-F-T!

THE NEWLYWEDS with their parents: Oscar and Malou Rodriguez and Vicky and Xavier Pertierra

In Spanish style, I thee wed

By Maurice Arcache

DESPITE the humid air, romance was definitely all around when tall, dashing Miguel Pellicer Pertierra and the princess of his dreams, Trisha Gopengco Rodriguez, recently made their commitment to love, honor and cherish each other till death do them part.

Miguel met Trisha two years ago through his sister-in-law Sylvia and the bride's close pal, Jennifer Rojas. Right there and then, Miguel knew that Trisha was the girl for him.

"I remembered her from our grade school days in Colegio San Agustin as that very cute fair girl with rosy cheeks whom I admired from a distance," said a happy Miguel.

Trisha apparently felt the same way about Miguel, and so the courtship began in January 2003. Nine months later, on Sept. 8, while attending a friend's wedding in the romantic island of Koh Samui in Thailand, Miguel and Trisha got engaged, *palanggas*.

Trisha, who is a perfectionist and a great organizer, planned her own wedding down to the tiniest detail—with Miguel's help, of course. After months of hard work, she saw her dream wedding come true.

Haunting music

Santuario de San Antonio Church in Forbes Park was aglow with a profusion of red roses sitting on golden urns. The wedding theme was a blend of vintage Spanish and modern touches, and the Iberian motif was consistent throughout the wedding, from the bridal gown to gowns of the entourage, the reception décor, the music, and especially the sumptuous layout of yummy Spanish delicacies at the Sunset Pavilion of the Westin Philippine Plaza hotel along scenic Manila Bay.

The bride was radiant in the arms of her handsome father, Oscar, when they marched down the aisle to the haunting music of Bocelli's "Con te Partiro."

Her gown, a Rajo Laurel creation, had an off-shoulder neckline and a fully beaded Spanish lace bodice with a full skirt in matte satin. The piéce de résistance was the multitude of fabrics Rajo used—taffeta, lace and organza—which were all drawn up in a modern knot.

The gowns of the entourage were variations of flamenco costumes in champagne duchess satin, accentuated by ruffles and beaded horsehair.

The cute flower girls looked adorable in their gowns of maroon embroidered smoking tops and ecru-layered full skirts.

An aura of romantic solemnity permeated the Church throughout the ceremony, right up to that moment when the officiating priest finally addressed the bride and groom as "Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Pertierra."

This brought loud applause and whistles from the chi-chi guests, *palanggas!*

Then, the newlyweds rode in style to their reception in a vintage 1953 MB 300 Adenauer limo bridal car.

MIGUEL and Trisha (nee Rodriguez) Pertierra leaving the church

Elegant reception

The garden tent of the Westin provided an elegant reception atmosphere by the bay. Loads of tables and refreshment stations were set up along the waterfront for those who wanted to enjoy the cool breeze.

The main tent was illuminated with candles, while romantic Spanish guitar and flamenco music filled the air. Robert Blancaflor of 1816 did an excellent job styling the reception venue, framing the entrance of the tent with Spanish-type arches and filling the tables with red roses and tulips.

After the speeches and welcome remarks by the famille, it was time to party with the help of tons of pitchers of Sangria (that dependable Spanish spirit), champagne, beer and hard booze, while splurging on a wide selection of *tapas*, Spanish cheeses and cold cuts, paellas, *churrascos* and *churros* con chocolates. Cigars were also hand-rolled and handed out to the gentlemen.

The groom's brother, Carlos, another tall looker, surprised everyone, especially the newlyweds, with his throaty rendition of "Perfidia," accompanied on the guitar by Denise Celdran and on the drums by Iñigo Elizalde.

Not to be outdone, the bride's sister Yvette "The Way You Looked Tonight" and "Come Away With Me" in great voice, as Javy Infante's nimble fingers danced away on the keyboard.

It was then that Miguel and Trisha lovingly held each other tight and danced for the first time as man and wife.

Three days after the grand wedding, Miguel and Trisha jetted off to their great European honeymoon, which included visits to the beautiful city of Prague, the romantic Amalfi coast of Italy, and the dynamic cities of Barcelona and Zurich.

A perfect wedding, dahlings, for a most beautiful couple. Cheers!

THE TATLER twosome. *Moi* with aunt of the bride and one of the sponsors, Irene Martel Francisco

BEAUTIFUL pair. Bridesmaid Wendy Puyat-Hotung and husband Tony Hotung

THE GROOM with brothers Eduardo and Carlos Pertierra, and best man Christopher Hagedorn

THE HANDSOME Rodriguez men: Brothers Miguel, Maroc and Javvy with their father Oscar

THE GANG. Lia Infante, Miguel and Trisha, Javvy Infante, Tristan Choal, Tinggoy Palanca; (seated) Papat Palanca and Denise de Castro

SISTER of the bride, New York City gal Yvette Rodriguez, gets a whirl from couturier Rajo Laurel.

MOTHER of the bride, Malou Rodriguez, with grand aunts Doña Charito Alunan and Doña Ling Javellana

THE COLORFUL ENTOURAGE. Wendy Hotung, Papat Palanca, Milette Lorenzo, Lindy Theodoropolous, Mia Rodriguez, Marivic Pertierra, Yvette Rodriguez, Trisha and Miguel, Carlos Pertierra, Christopher Hagedorn, Eduardo Pertierra, Martin Camahort, Carlos Araneta; coin bearer Gonzo Palanca, flower girls Alessandra Pertierra, Lucia Lorenzo, Nadia Rodriguez, ring bearer Frankie Pertierra and bible bearer Iñaki Pertierra

HEY, MORE CHAMPAGNE! The fun pack of Marta Lovina, Alex Van Hagen (in front of the camera for a change), Trisha, Maya and Bummer Santiago, Miguel, Juanjo Berenguer-Testa, Santi Picornel and Tina Vazquez-Prada

OLD-WEALTH SOCIETY LADIES. Lia Cruz, Lirio Mapa, Vicky Cruz, Vicki Pertierra, Mila Puyat, INQUIRER chair Marixi Rufino Prieto, Baby Puyat and Milette Ocampo

RHETT Eala's floral affair

Feast of bridal finery

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home.

The whole-day affair also has a number of programs in store for couples preparing for their big day. "Interactive Sessions" will allow for consultations with couturiers, videographers, wedding planners and photographers, as well as skincare demos and makeover sessions with top makeup artists and hairdressers, and cake sampling and wine tasting.

The bridal concerto "Musical Soiree" will certainly put participants in the mood for love as romantic medleys fill the air, courtesy of performers Da Capo, Sentimental Groove, String Minstrels, Kadense, Acoustic Perfection, Stradavarious String Ensemble, 92 AD and Velvet Mood.

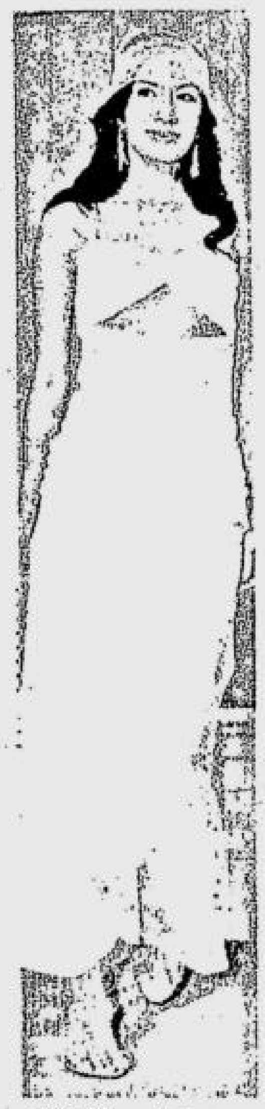
Meanwhile, real-life stories on the momentous occasion will be shown through "Cinema Amore," which will feature music videos, concerts and montages of the wedding day and the exciting countdown to it.

The FDCP bridal gala at 6 p.m. will be held at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel for the first time. In the past, it was usually held at the Makati Shangri-La.

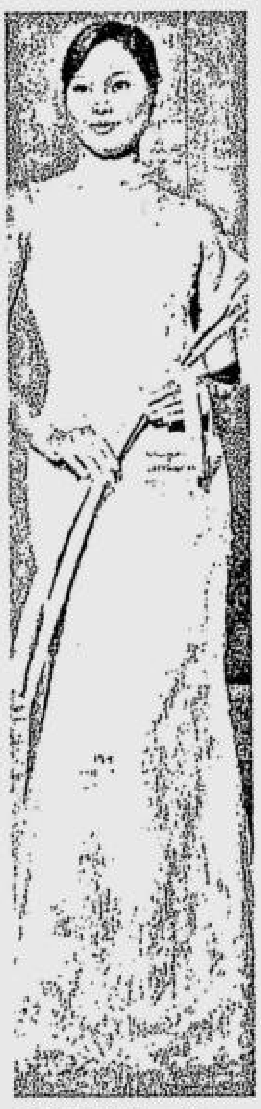
The five-star Mandaluyong hotel is a much-sought-after venue for many weddings, catering to around 500 events a year. It has two ballrooms, each with a foyer and pre-function area. The Isla Ballroom can accommodate up to 1,000 guests, while the Garden Ballroom fits up to 280 guests.

For a dreamy garden setting, couples can choose the poolside area, ideal for up to 200 persons.

"Wedding Celebrations 2005" is open from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission is free. Call 6338888 local 3104 or 7500314. For inquiries on Edsa Shangri-La's wedding packages, call 6369062 to 75.



GYPSY pretty by Tippi Ocampo



CRYSTALS and fine embroidery by Len Nepomuceno-Guiao

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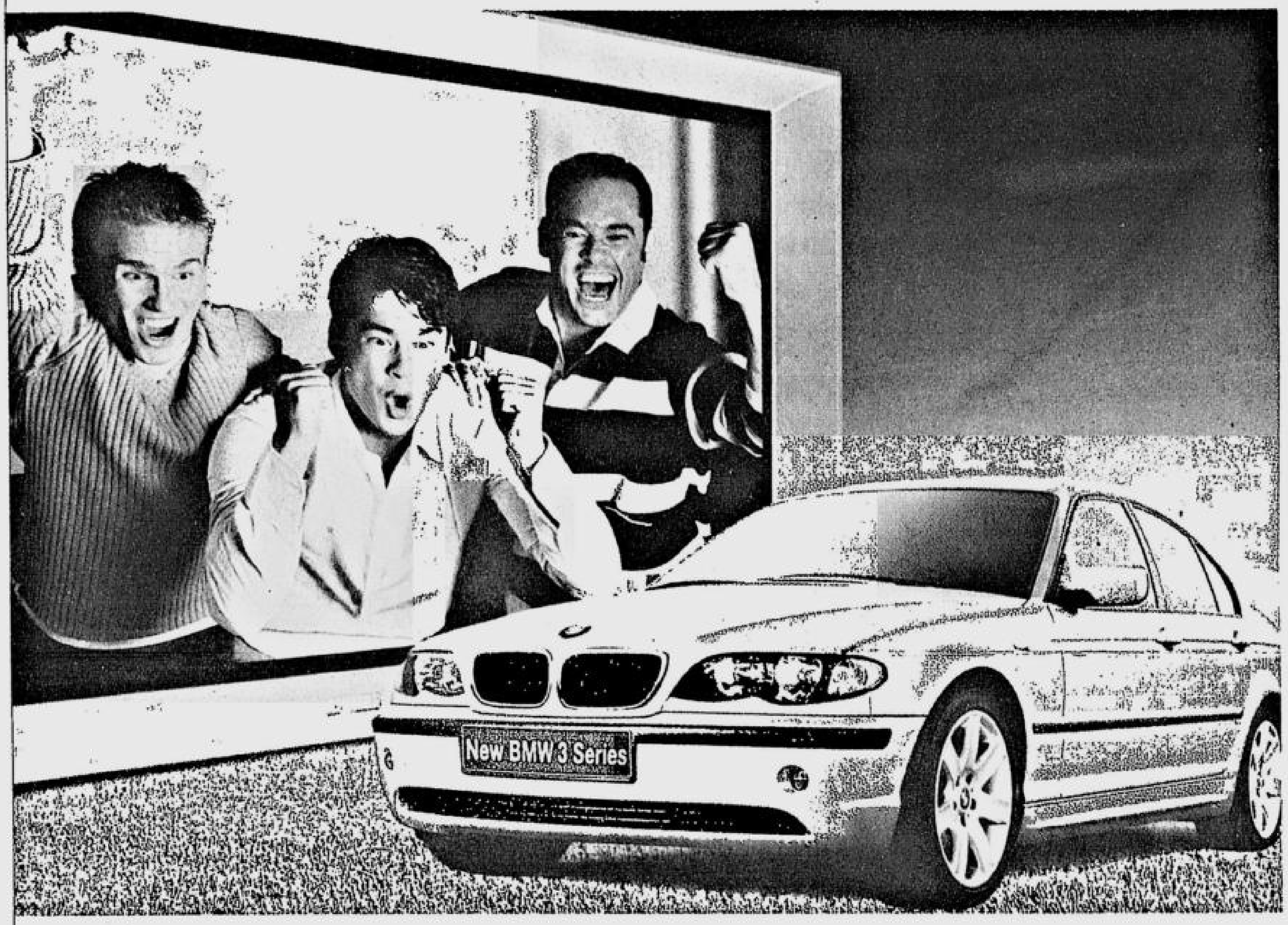

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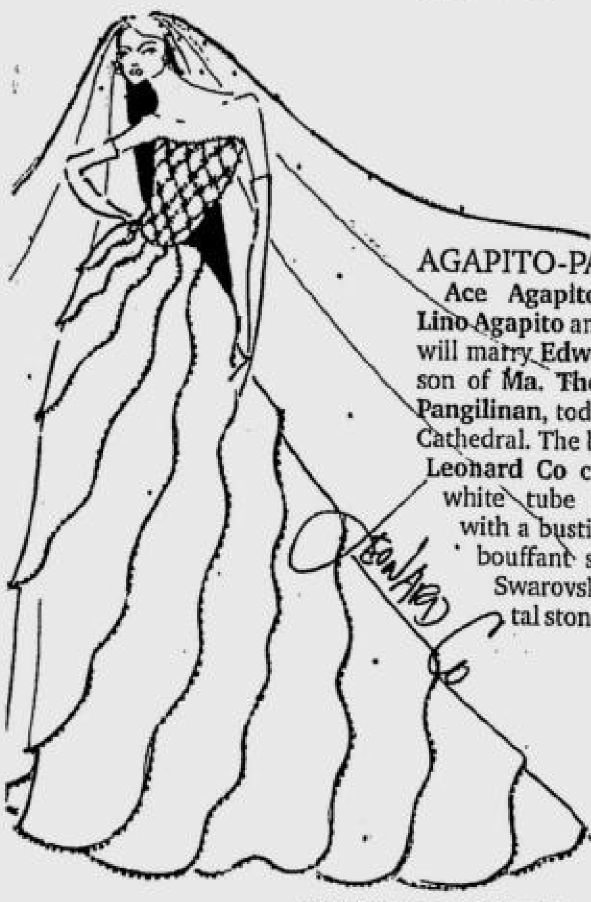
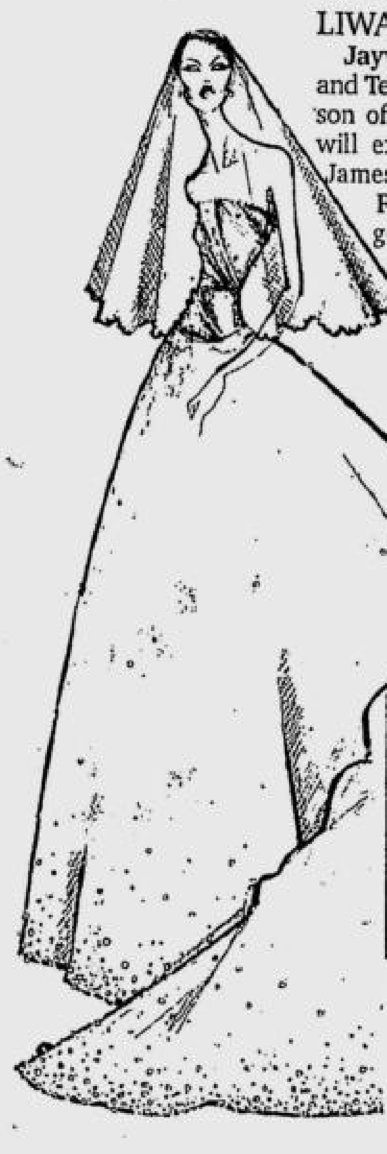


AGAPITO-PANGILINAN

Ace Agapito, daughter of **Lino Agapito** and **Aurora Tagle**, will marry **Edward Pangilinan**, son of **Ma. Theresa** and **Ding Pangilinan**, today at the Manila Cathedral. The bride will wear a **Leonard Co** creation—an all-white tube Swiss organdy with a bustier top and swirl bouffant skirt, beaded in Swarovski borealis crystal stones.

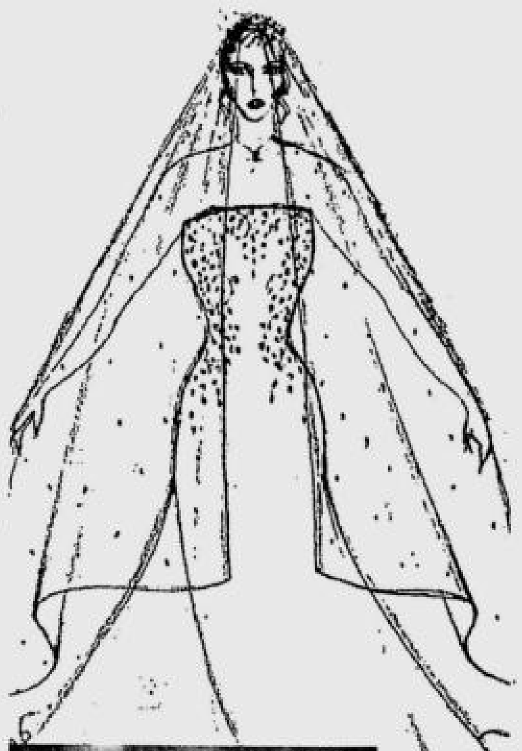


LIWANAG-PEREZ

Jayvee M. Perez, daughter of **Antonio** and **Teresita Perez**, and **Boogie Liwanag**, son of **Firmo Sr.** and **Teresita Liwanag**, will exchange vows Aug. 21 at the St. James the Great Church, Ayala Alabang.

Ricci Lizaso designed the bridal gown of duchess satin embellished with crystal caviar beads, frosted pearls, crystal cut beads and Swarovski rhinestones.

Reception will follow at the Ayala Alabang Country Club. The wedding cake is by **Heny Sison**.



BALDERAS-MANAOIS

Roberto Balmacedo Balderas, son of **Albert** (deceased) and **Nora Balderas**, will wed **Mylene Manabat Manaois**, daughter of **Domingo** (deceased) and **Gloria Manabat**, Oct. 2 at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Cubao, QC.

Reception will follow at the Immaculate Conception Multi-Purpose Building.

Eggay Moreno is making a bridal gown of shantung material with a shaped bodice and serpentina cut. A long trail at the back is accented with cut beads, aurora borealis stones, rhinestones and transparent sequins.

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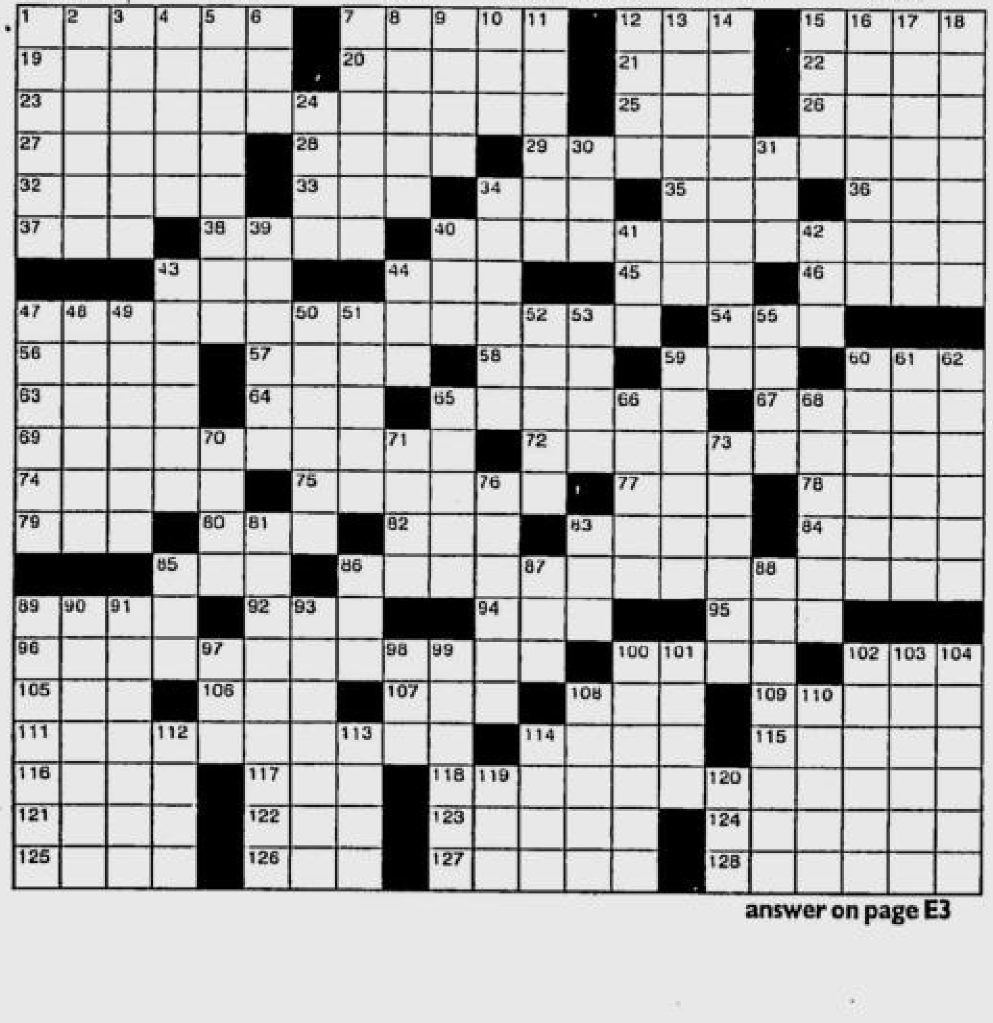

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Over and under

Runway on fire

YES, the hottest ticket in town is once again a Ben Chan fashion production.

While queues at Bench fitting rooms and cash registers are an everyday occurrence, the lines are even longer these days. Bench loyalists and new buyers, just as hot-blooded, are snapping up the goods to get free invites to the local label's underwear and denim fashion show.

RICHARD Gomez in 2002, 'One Night Only'

"Understatement," which hits the runway 7 p.m. on Aug. 18 at the Araneta Coliseum, picks up the Bench tradition of presenting its latest lines of men's and women's apparel in steamy fashion.

"It's a feast for the senses, it's heaven on earth for one brief moment," promises Jojo Liamzon, ad and promo manager for Bench.

To be shown are Bench Body's newest collection of innerwear and Bench's Overhauled denims, the two lines that the retail fashion company has been most successful at turning into objects of desire in the market.

The bigger come-on is the underwear line, of course, and that's "because we want to reenforce our position as the pioneer and leader in fashion undergarments," says Bryan Lim, assistant vice president of Suyen Corp. and product manager for Bench underwear.

On Wednesday, Bench will fill the stage with not just warm but also heavenly bodies. The likes of Bench celebrity endorsers Richard and Lucy Gomez, Diether Ocampo, Kristine Hermosa, Rica Peralejo, Alessandra de Rossi, Jay-R, Wendell Ramos, Jomari Yllana, Francine Prieto, Juliana Palermo, Marc Nelson, Antonio Aquitania, Richard Gutierrez and John Prats, along with seasoned models, will be seducing the audience.

Fifty-three new models will strut their stuff as well, sorted and sifted from a batch of 400 hopefuls and hired only after a grueling eight weeks of body-building, dieting, skin enhancement and confidence-boosting workshops.

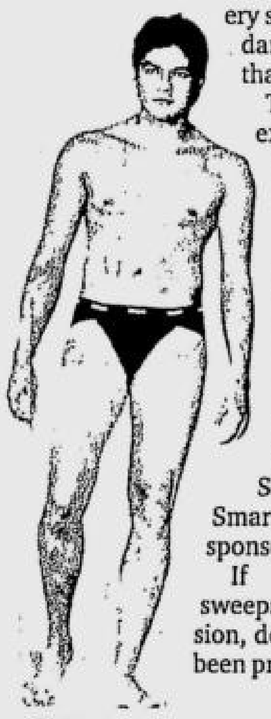
Compared to past productions, "Understatement" has more entertainment value, according to Lim. In other words, sizzle is not all it has to offer.

Seven *taiku* drummers are being flown in from Japan. Acrobats from France will be traipsing, twirling and tumbling on a stage designed by Robert Blancaflor to replicate a garden in Japanese folklore.

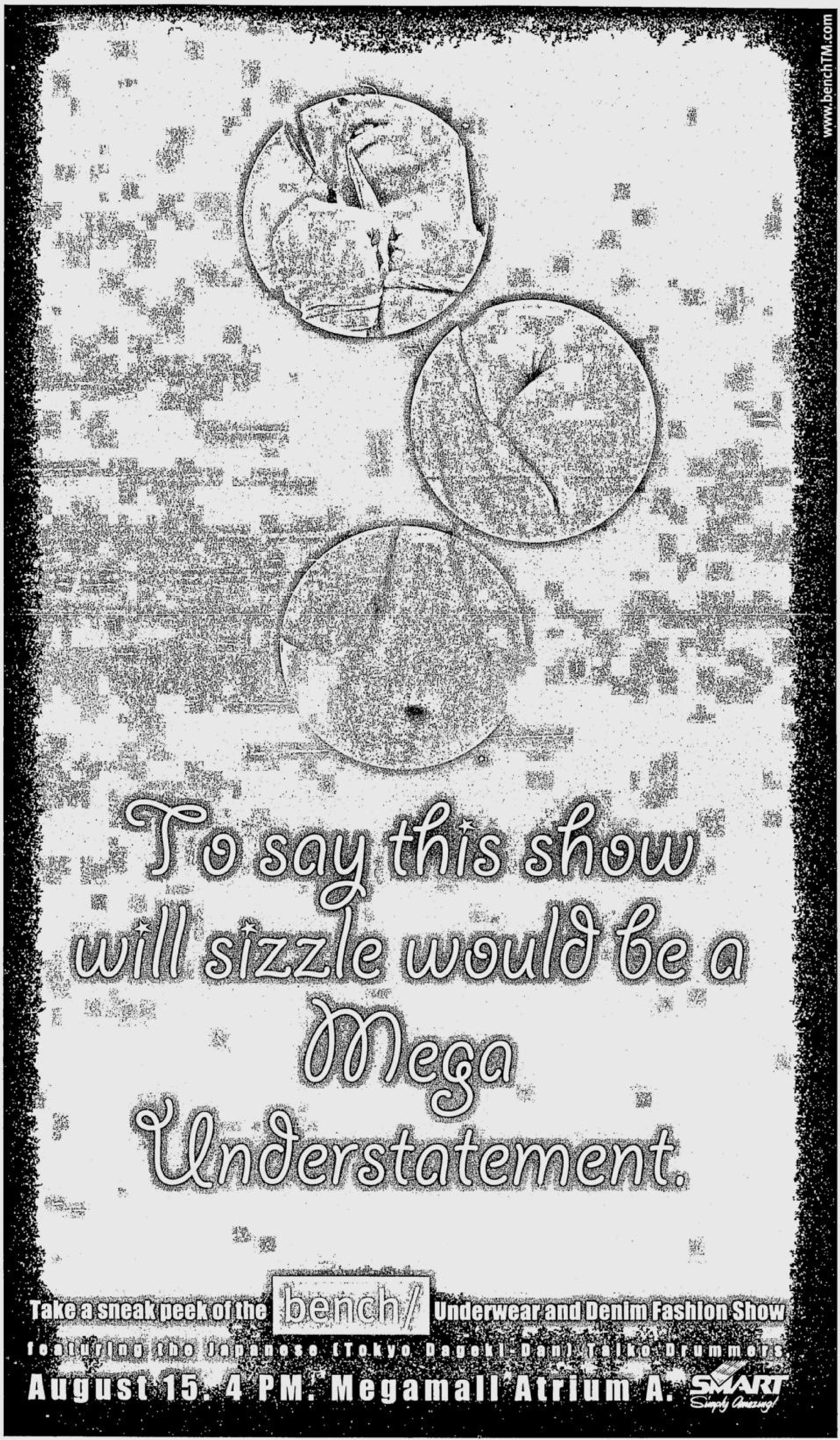
It was in 1996 when Bench held its first underwear show, dubbed "We're Taking It Off," at Mars Disco. In 2000, Bench staged "Brief Encounters," which showed the skimpiest bodywear at the time. By 2002, people thought they knew what to expect from a Ben Chan show but, of course, Bench sprung another surprise on everyone when it opened "One Night Only" at the packed-to-the-rafters Araneta Coliseum with a parade of male models in the buff in the dark. Needless to say, every show has gotten more daring and cutting-edge than the one before it.

This year's fashion extravaganza is in the deft hands of a team headed by veterans Ariel Lozada and Michael Salientes. Patrick Rosas will be the master hairstylist, with wigs and hairpieces sponsored by Bergmann Hair. Smart Buddy and Smart Addict are also sponsors of the show.

If "Understatement" sweeps you in a grip of passion, don't say you have not been properly forewarned.



JOMARI Yllana in 2000, 'Brief Encounters'



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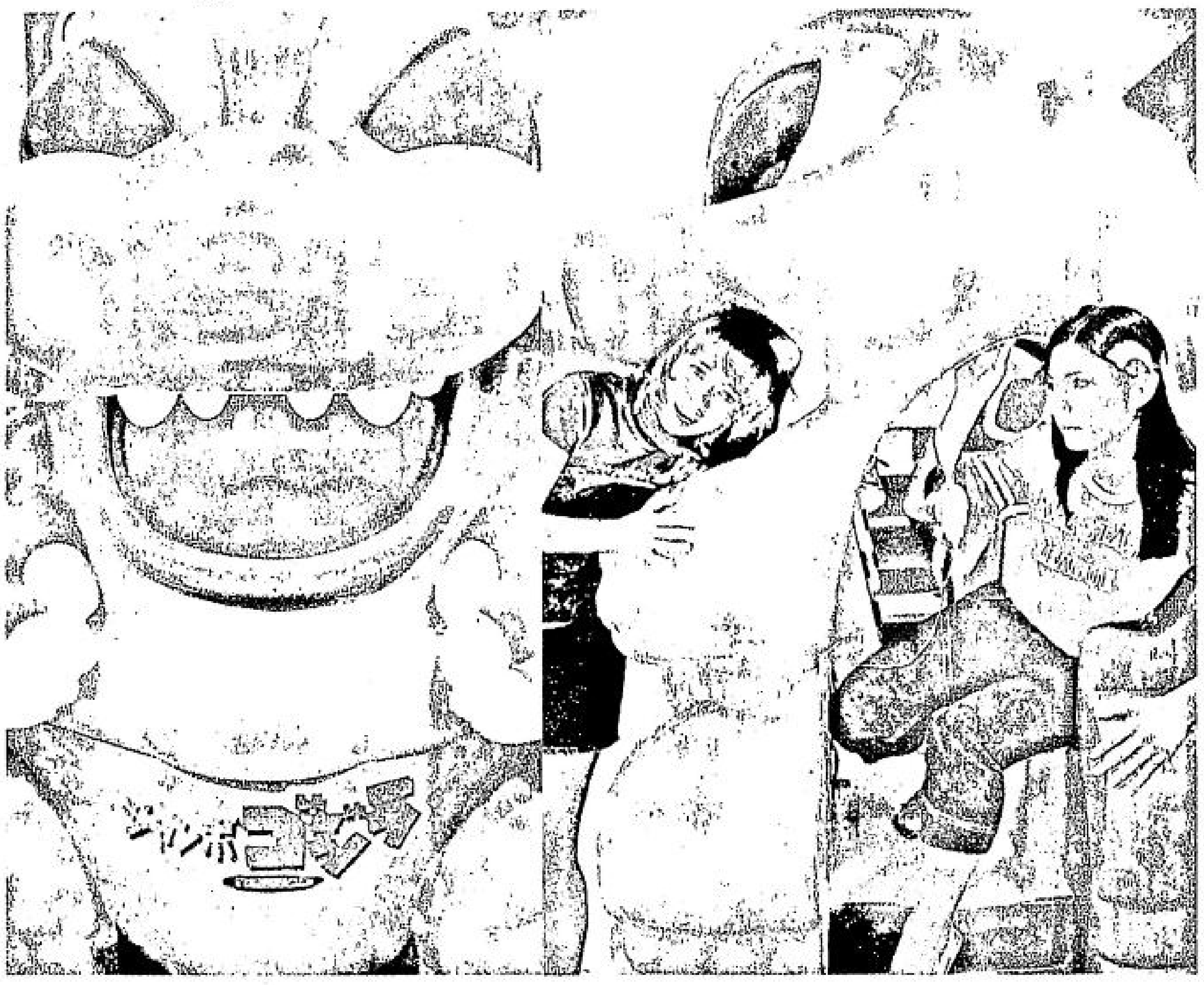
To say this show will sizzle would be a Mega Understatement.

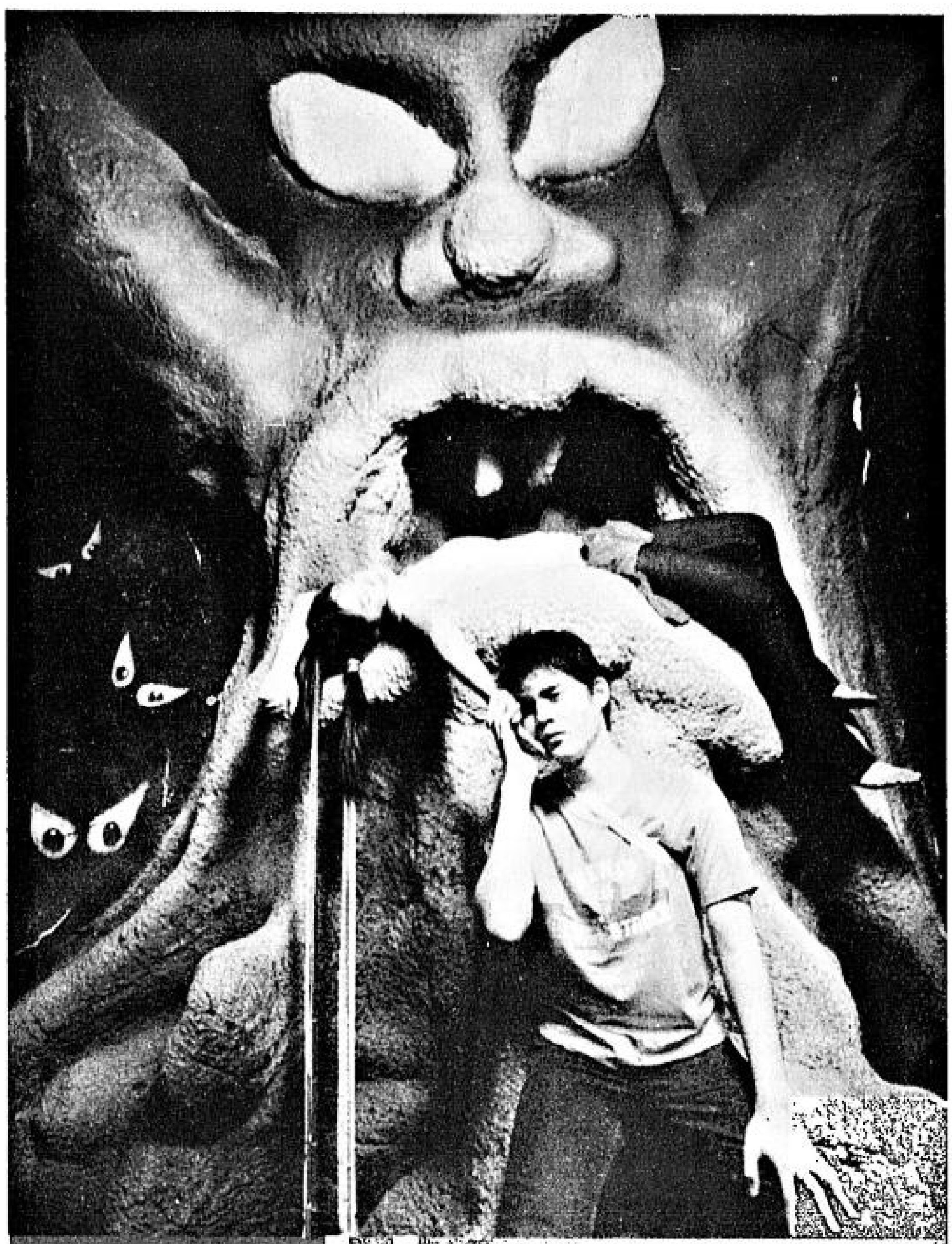
Take a sneak peek of the bench/ Underwear and Denim Fashion Show
featuring the Japanese (Tokyo Dageki-Dan) Taiko Drummers
August 15. 4 PM. Megamall Atrium A.

SMART Simply Amazing!

NICOLETTE wears a round-neck cotton tee with logo print and Overhauled denim mini. Bubbles wears a long-sleeved jersey with contrast topstitch and Herbench Overhauled clamdiggers.



ON HER: Overhauled jeans and Herbench white crewneck. On him: Bench cotton-jersey tee and Overhauled jeans



Overhauled's fantastic feat

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Steve Tirona
Styling by Noel Manapat

EVEN before Bench introduced underwear, denims had already played a significant segment of its business.

Though Bench reps decline to elaborate on denim's share in sales, merely saying tees remain their most popular product, they admit denims and bottoms in general are among the brand's top sellers—and more so after they introduced the Overhauled line.

As the Western market propelled denim to high-fashion cult status, Bench has kept in tune with the global trend and updated its denim line.

OVERHAULED'S/J3

The Bench line has spawned a multi-brand that extends to shoes and scents

ON NICOLETTE: Herbench Overhauled sandblast jeans and Herbench interlock cut-and-sew roundneck and short-sleeved tee combo. On Andrew: Yellow crewneck tee with blue piping and Overhauled sandblast jeans

DOUBLE-SLEEVED tee and Herbench Overhauled sandblast denims

ANDREW and Bubbles wear printed roundneck tees by Bench and Herbench, and Overhauled jeans

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BUBBLES wears a flat-seam one-shoulder cotton-spandex top and Overhauled jeans (left). Benjamin dons a white shirt with light-blue collar and Overhauled jeans (above).

JERSEY-COTTON sleeveless top and Overhauled denim pants

ANDREW wears a yellow Bench crewneck while Benjamin wears a green cotton-jersey tee with embossed print. Both wear Overhauled jeans.

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The phenomenon paved the way for the birth of Overhauled in 2000, Bench's answer to international mega-brands' designer jeans. Details of the basic five-pocket jeans were nipped, tweaked, deconstructed and reconstructed.

It was for the hip segment of the market, says Kristine Lim, Suyen Corp.'s marketing division manager. The styles were up to date and a notch more cutting-edge than regular Bench and Herbench jeans.

The concept of Overhauled was to cater to a market that had acquired a taste for finer and trendier jean styles, but had a budget of under P1,000.

Multi-brand

In true Bench fashion, Overhauled clicked with Filipinos. Four years on, Overhauled has spawned men's shirts and women's tops, underwear, bags and accessories, footwear and even fragrances—another branding feat for the 17-year-old multi-brand company.

But even with its success, Bench demurs being labeled No. 1. It prefers to be called the leader of local trends, says Eric Lao, president of Blue Factory Corp., sister company of Suyen Corp., which owns the Bench brand. Blue Factory manufactures Bench garments.

"We follow global trends," explains Lao. "We keep in mind to come up with new silhouettes, fabrics and washes. Maintaining good quality is our priority. At the same time, we keep our products affordable."

Overhauled's low-rise and super-low-rise jeans both for men and women have surprisingly reached mainstream popularity, even with a largely style-shy mass market, according to Lao. Bootcuts in stretch fabrics are still among the most saleable.

"It's always a challenge for us to think of products that would click with the local market," he explains.

Eighty percent of all Bench merchandise is made locally, although some fabrics and materials are sourced abroad.

Even the fragrances are made here, adds Lim. The Overhauled fragrance comes in five variants that can be used alone or mixed to create a unique, personal scent.

Lao says that washes and "whiskers" on their denims are done by hand, so no two pairs are exactly alike.

Recently, the Overhauled line introduced denims with Perma crease, which lends the jeans a three-dimensional pleated look.

Similar to designer brands, new pieces have back-pocket logo stitches or embroidered and printed patch logos. Other pairs have fresh treatments in buttons and rivets.

So, will the denim line steal the spotlight from the undergarments in Bench's Aug. 18 fashion show? Most likely not.

But will Overhauled's latest collection click with Bench fans? Click would be an understatement.

SCENT-SATIONS. Overhauled Body Spray in Go Easy, Neo Classic, Super Active, Extra Relax and Cool Comfort—used on their own or mixed and matched (P89 each)

JUST SHOE ME. Canvas and rubber sneakers with fringed edges by Overhauled (P599)

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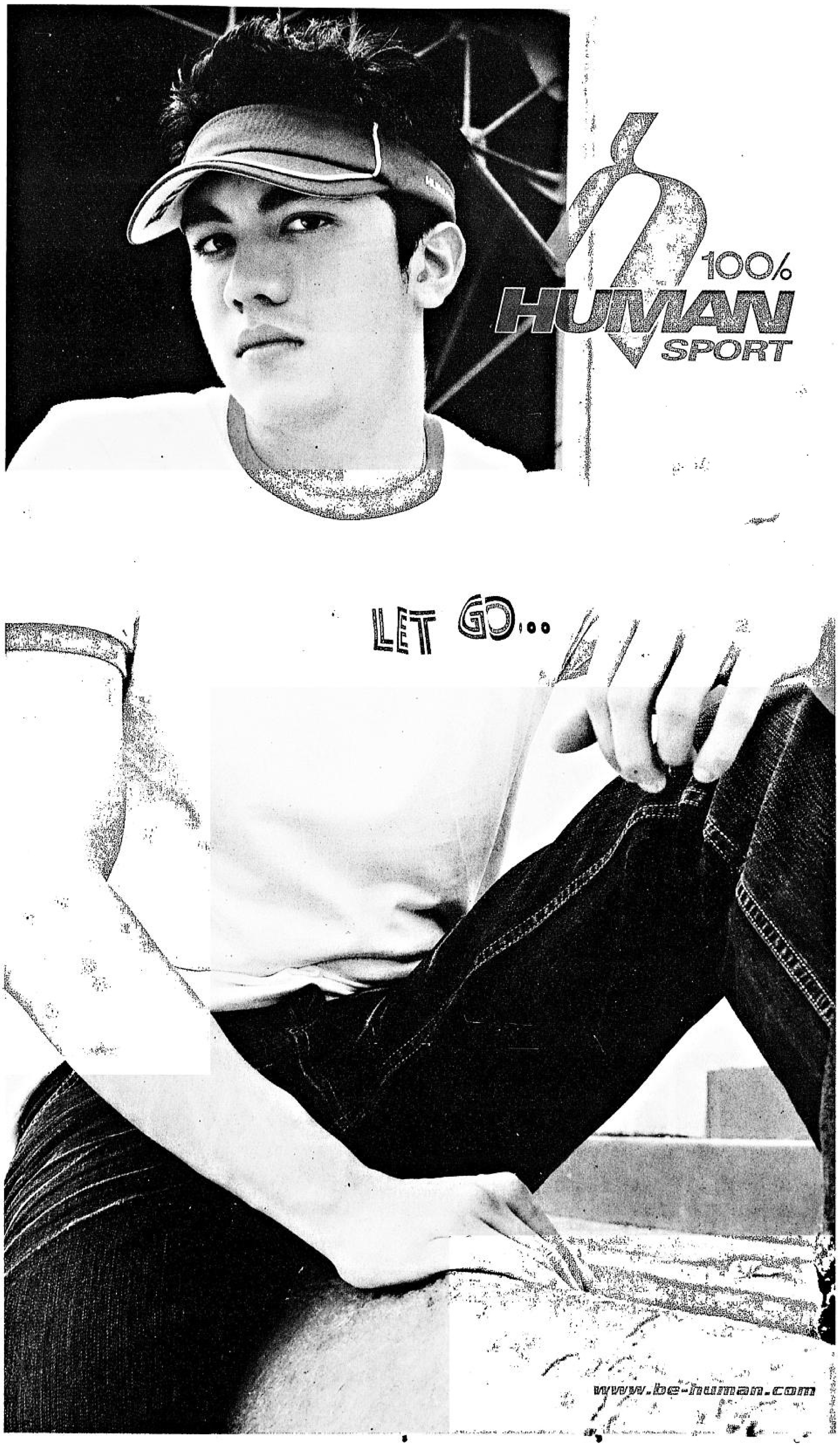

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These sexy things

Having made red undies cool, Bench is unveiling its latest underwear line with another scorcher of a fashion show

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Steve Tirona

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Bench hopes to surpass this feat when it unveils its latest stock of seduction next week at the Araneta Coliseum. "Understatement" promises to be bigger and bolder than its 2002 show "One Night Only" as the brand pushes the envelope with his and hers underwear in new colors, cuts and prints.

Aside from updating the red line, Bench will be introducing its Harlequin series with a "circus" feel to it. Floral and polka-dotted innerwear will also be making their debut. And these two prints won't be limited to the ladies' line, mind you.

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One should never underestimate the power of wearing the right undies, Lim believes. It affects one's mood, and that feeling isn't limited to women and, well, gay men. Not a few straight men are now beginning to subscribe to the enlightened fashionista's mantra: comfortable clothing need not be boring. And that, of course, includes underwear.

"A growing number of people are discovering that they can be fashionable underneath," says Lim.

There's no better way of gauging Bench's success in this department than the growth of its spin-off specialty boutique called Bench Body. There are 12 outlets in local malls exclusively devoted to underwear, cosmetics and perfume now on top of Bench's highly popular apparel stores.

The company has, in fact, expanded the number of its Bench Body stores to include four in China, two in Shanghai and two in Xiamen. "Our undergarments line has become our point of entry to foreign markets," says Lim. "We're comparable to other global brands when it comes to quality."

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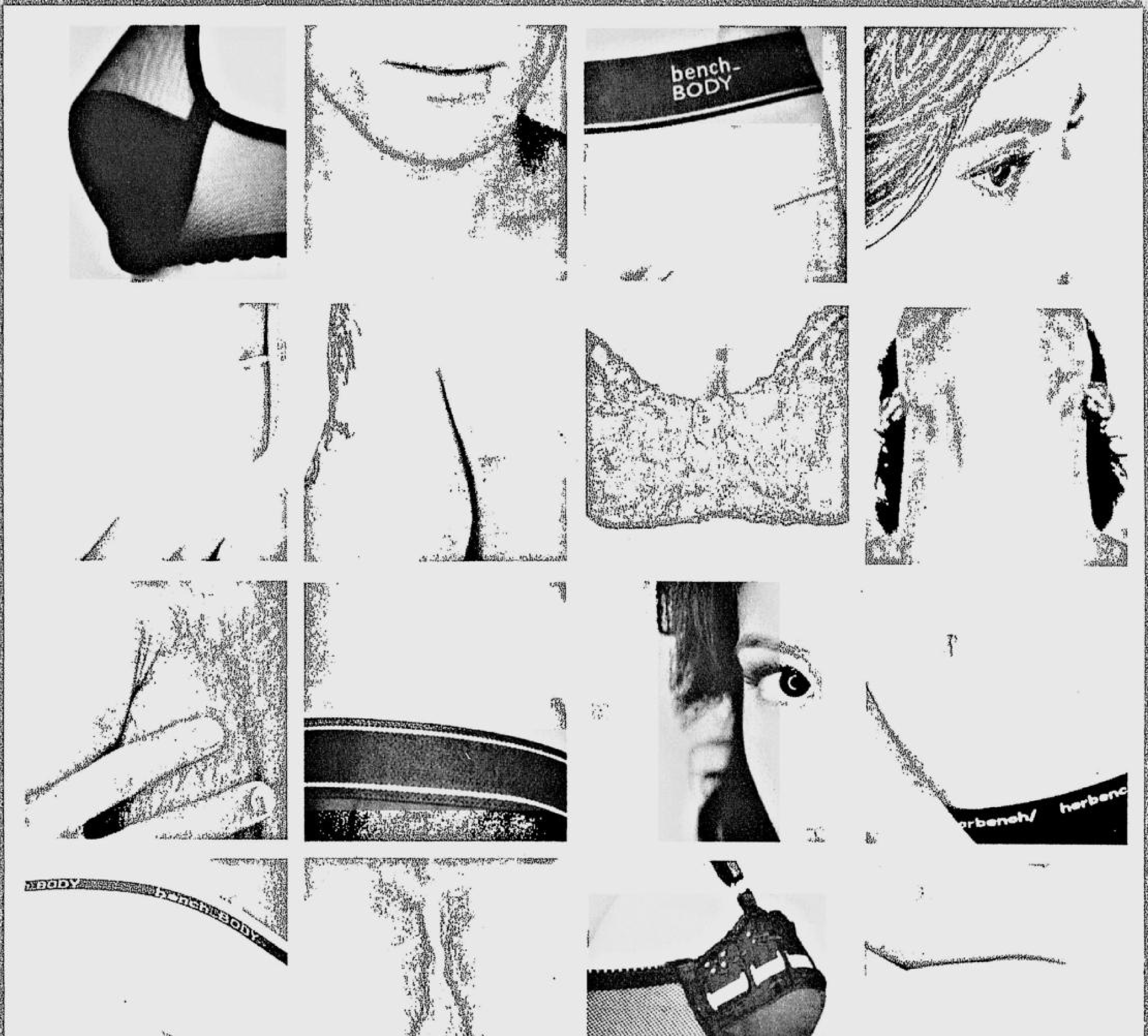

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"A growing number of people are discovering that they can be fashionable underneath," says Lim.

There's no better way of gauging Bench's success in this department than the growth of its spin-off specialty boutique called Bench Body. There are 12 outlets in local malls exclusively devoted to underwear, cosmetics and perfume now, on top of Bench's highly popular apparel stores.

"The company has, in fact, expanded the number of its Bench Body stores to include four in China, two in Shanghai and two in Xiamen. "Our undergarments line has become our point of entry to foreign markets," says Lim. "We're comparable to other global brands when it comes to quality."

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When new means beautiful

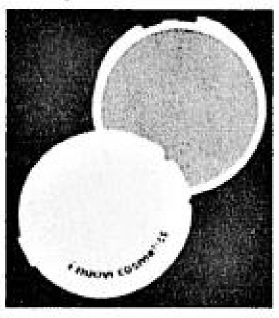
MAKEOVER 911

Kinny Salas

I WAS surprised to find that i-nuovi had a cult following in Singapore. I remember trying some products a long time ago at pcx and First Aid in Greenbelt 3. The experience was a very pleasant one. The texture and the finish were comparable to those of name brands that could only be found in exclusive department stores.

I found out that the brand takes great pains to get its supplies from countries with cosmetic expertise. For instance, the lipstick and concealer are made in Japan, the face powders and eye shadows are from Italy and the US, and the skincare comes from France.

I also found that i-nuovi means "the new," which is very apt as it was only founded in 1996; it's literally a toddler in the cosmetic industry.

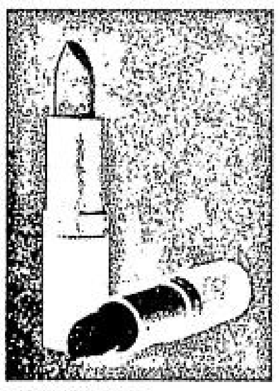


STUDIOCAKE

Back issues of magazines show that Hollywood celebrities have used i-nuovi cosmetics: Lara Flynn Boyle, Maxim cover December 1999; and Renee Zellweger, Premiere Magazine cover, April 2001.

Basketball giant Shaquille O' Neal paints the toes of his size-22 feet with i-nuovi's Nail Glass in Gogo gold and Eve Metallic Green.

Courtney Cox uses the i-nuovi SilkBase foundation. Charlize Theron used i-nuovi's colors in Mod at the Oscars for the smokey look to frame her green eyes.



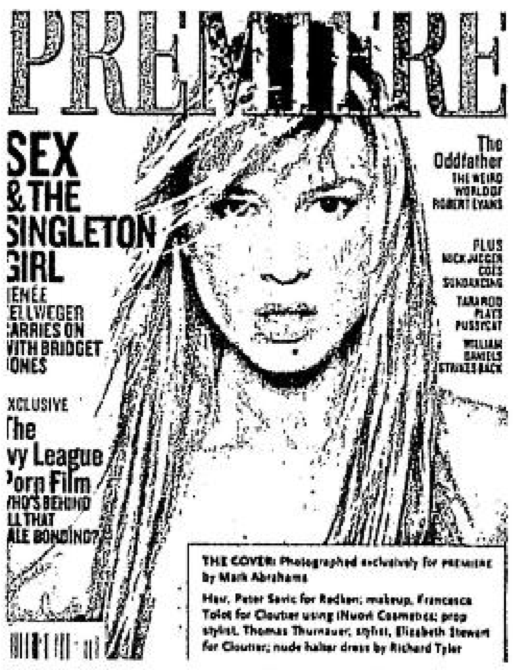
LIPCOLOUR

New York makeup artist to the stars Judy Chin uses the Gelbase on Sarah Jessica Parker in "Sex and the City." She also used it on Jennifer Connelly and Sir Ben Kingsley in "The House of Sand and Fog."

I also found that the Philippine prices are 30-60 percent cheaper than Singapore's.

The five best-selling i-nuovi products are:

- Studiocake (P850)—A professional cream and powder foundation formulated for maximum coverage. Blends into a powdery finish that lasts without looking cakey and does not feel or look heavy. Popular shades are 3Y, 4Y and 5Y.
- Perfector (P500)—Concealer for maximum coverage. Always out of stock. I use mine to cover pimple marks and highlight certain areas. Great for oily skin.
- Airbrush (P850)—Sheer silky loose powder with shimmer. Great for highlighting the face and body for a dramatic sexy look. Shades: Sparkle, Twinkle and Dazzle.
- Facescape (P950)—Complementary shade to use as a bronzer or face highlighter for a luminous natural glow. Available shades: In The Pink, Peaches and Cream (I would recommend these two for women who want a glow but want to stay light-skinned), Malibu Barbie and Sun God (for die-hard tanners).
- Lipcolour (P450) —There are 60 shades to choose from, all guaranteed to make any lipstick freak hyperventilate. Its demi-matte silky texture is comparable to that of Guerlain's Divinora and Nina Ricci. It does not bleed, feather or dry out lips. Bestsellers: Mood (universal brown red, for any skin tone), Doll, Mocca, Cappuccino and Sugar. My choice: Oak (rust red brown).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Hair, Peter Savic for Redken; makeup, Francesca Tolot for Cloutier using iNuovi Cosmetics; prop stylist, Thomas Thurnauer; stylist, Elizabeth Stewart for Cloutier; nude halter dress by Richard Tyler

RENEE Zellweger uses i-nuovi makeup.

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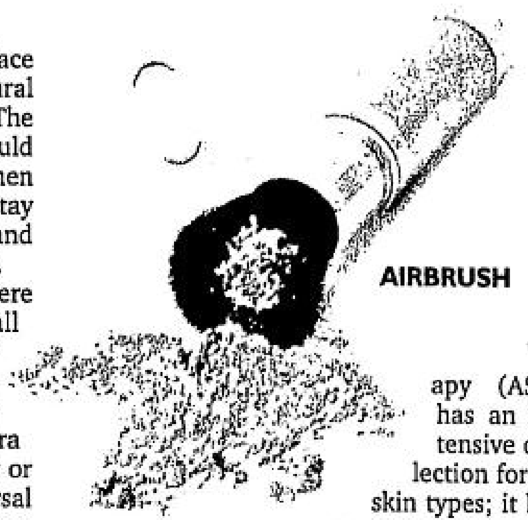
Want it sheer and with more moisturizer? There are eight shades in the Lipveil line at P450. The line lets the natural lip color shine while giving a sexy moist tint to the lips.



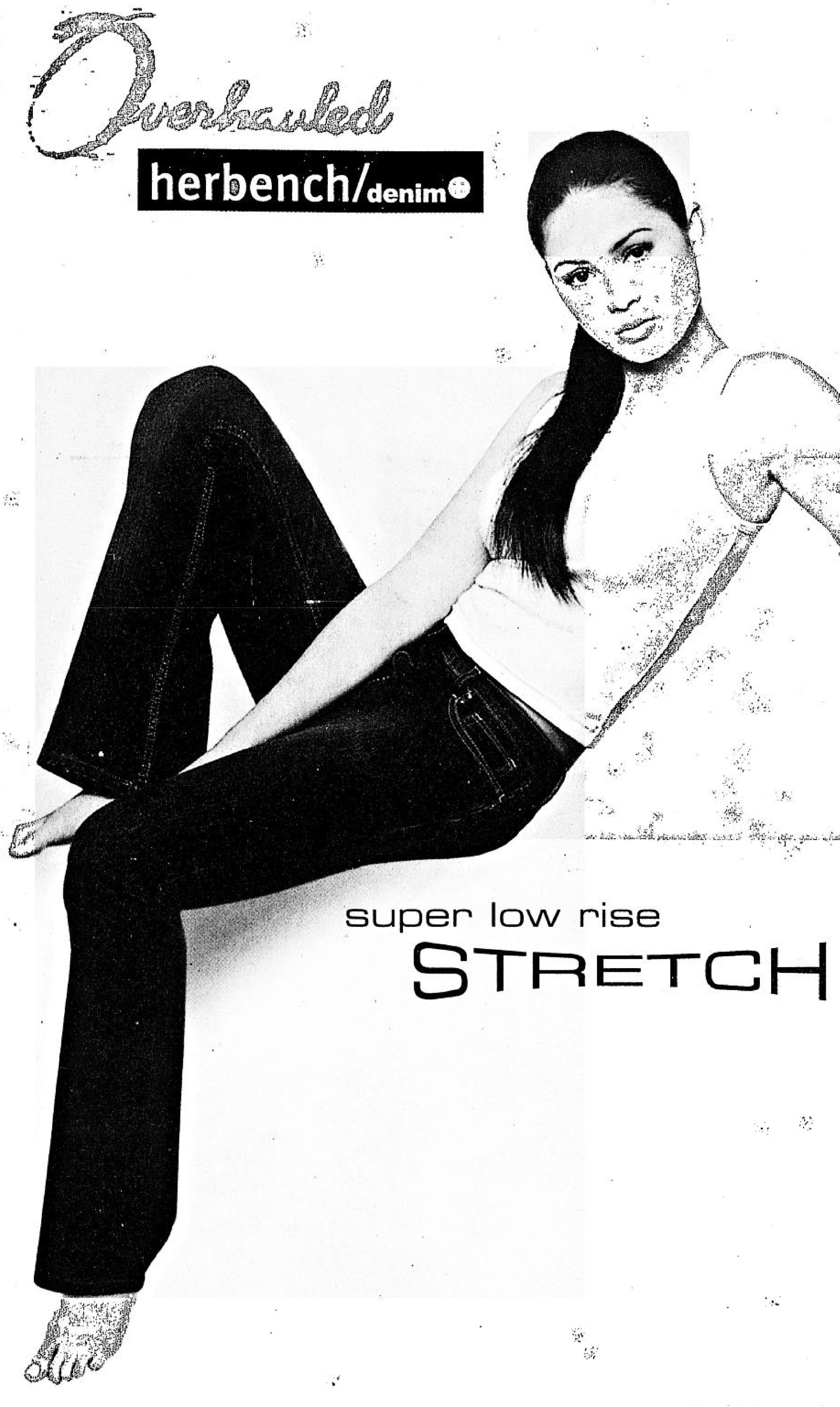
AIRBRUSH

Skincare bestsellers: The Active Skin Therapy (AST) has an extensive collection for all skin types; it has specialized treatments for specific problems.

All skincare products are formulated in France.

i-nuovi is sold at First Aid at Greenbelt 3 (7574974); pcx at Power Plant Mall (7565031); and pcx at Alabang Town Center (807-2261).

I-NUOVI counter at First Aid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Organic and beautiful

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IN THE AGE of synthetic everything, from fashion pieces to breasts and even relationships, anything natural is a refreshing change. Like Bench's line of natural and organic body and facial care products.

Bench's Natural Body Spray (54 ml, P159), which hit the market early this year, comes in three fragrances—Citrus Orange, Green Tea and Vetiver Mint.

Strictly speaking, Vetiver Mint is for men, Green Tea is for women and Citrus Orange is unisex. But in a world where androgyny has found a home, where men wear sarongs and women wear wrestling shoes, crossing over to any of the other scents is no problem.

Bench's Organics Make-Up Remover and Facial Cleanser (P25 for a pack of 10 sheets) was launched two months ago. These facial wipes come in four varieties—cucumber, green tea, aloe vera and apricot.

> Bench's line of body and facial care products taps the healing, cleansing qualities of nature at its purest

The brand also came out with a new Apricot Whitening Cleansing Cloth (P12.50) last month. This facial cloth can exfoliate and cleanse your skin. The combination of green tea and apricot refines and smoothens the skin.

With these different options, how do you know which ones to choose? Take these quizzes and find out.

Which scent is right for you?

1. Your friends would describe you as...
a. Faithful, compassionate and supportive
b. Smart, shy and constantly thinking
c. Generous, enthusiastic and confident

2. Your favorite activity is...
a. Bonding with your friends
b. Learning more about life
c. Gossiping

3. At a party, we would find you...
a. Hanging out with your friends, having a blast
b. Sitting in a corner, trying to look like you're having a good time
c. Swapping juicy stories with other guests

4. Your New Year's resolution was...
a. To forgive those who have hurt you in the past
b. Learn how to interact with people and start enjoying more
c. Become more adventurous

5. When in a relationship, you are...
a. Faithful, supportive and you take it hard when you are betrayed
b. Sensitive to criticism and you like maintaining your own space
c. Self-sacrificing, enthusiastic and you tend to forget about yourself

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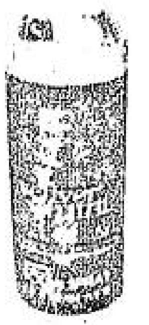
The results:

Mostly As: Citrus Orange

You are a fabulous friend and your positive energy makes people at ease with you. You deserve a scent that is light, uplifting and refreshing—just like you are. This orange scent is fresh and relaxing and its different elements make it an effective antidepressant. One spritz is enough to boost your spirit for the rest of the day.

Mostly Bs: Green Tea

You are a great thinker and your passion is to understand the world. Your perfect scent is Green Tea, which can perk you up with its energizing aroma. It is an effective stimulant and it can also promote the body's healing.



Mostly Cs: Vetiver Mint

You are generous, passionate and self-sacrificing. Your scent is Vetiver Mint. While mint on its own is invigorating, this scent combines aromatic, woody and citrusy notes to soothe and relax your emotions. One spritz can help clear your head and revive your body.

Which facial wipes should you use?

1. What is your biggest facial skin problem?
a. Your wrinkles. You are terrified of aging.
b. Your clogged pores.
c. Your dry skin.
d. Your skin is tired.

2. If a derma genie appeared before you, what would you ask for?
a. Skin that always stays young
b. Fine and supple skin
c. Moisture, moisture, moisture
d. New life for your old skin

3. Which of these activities sounds most appealing to you?
a. A nice long workout at the gym
b. A deep facial
c. A rubdown with lotion
d. A light meal of salads and fresh fruits

The results:

Mostly As: Green Tea (invigorating)

Green tea facial wipes will rejuvenate your skin and protect it from aging brought about by impurities. Green tea is an effective cleanser and has powerful antioxidant properties. It can remove toxins from your skin and leave it silky smooth.

Apricot
exfoliating
make-up remover
and facial cleanser

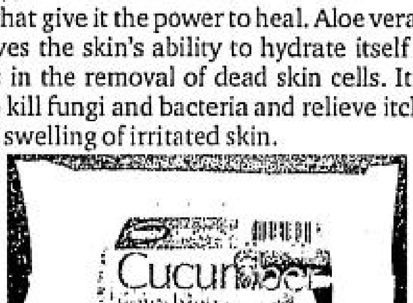
Mostly Bs: Apricot (exfoliating)

Apricot facial wipes will exfoliate your skin, leaving it fine and supple. The oils in apricot can provide richness, beauty and youth to your skin. It can remove dead cells and bring out your skin's radiance.

Aloe Vera
moisturizing
make-up remover
and facial cleanser

Mostly Cs: Aloe Vera (moisturizing)

Aloe Vera facial wipes are formulated to raise the level of your skin's moisture, leaving it refined and revived. Considered a gift of nature, aloe vera contains vitamins and minerals that give it the power to heal. Aloe vera improves the skin's ability to hydrate itself and aids in the removal of dead skin cells. It can also kill fungi and bacteria and relieve itching and swelling of irritated skin.



Mostly Ds: Cucumber (refreshing)

Cucumbers provide many benefits to one's skin. It can fade freckles, smooth wrinkles, bleach, soften, tighten, tone and soothe the skin. Cucumber facial wipes rehydrate and soften your tired skin while providing a cool and refreshing feeling.

Bench Natural Body Spray and Make-Up Remover and Facial Cleanser are available at Bench, Herbench, Bench Body and PCX outlets nationwide.

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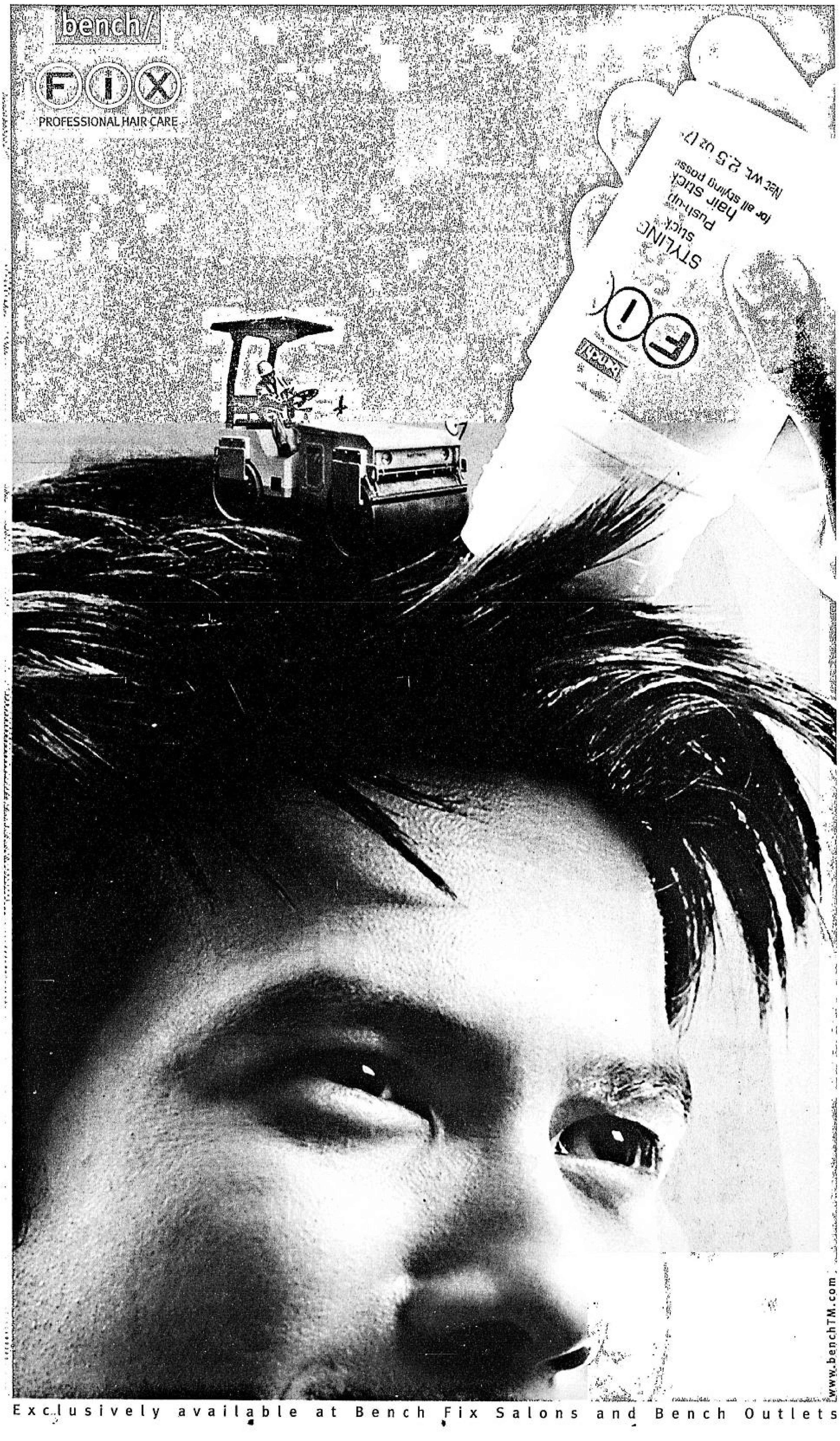

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Natural high

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CREATE your own home spa with these rich and refreshing products.

Indulgence 1: Daintree's Healing/Hydrating Moisturizer (P625), which contains a higher-than-normal level of combined essential oils from different plants, is perfect for dryer or easily dehydrated skin.

Daintree's Moisturizing Body Whip–Tropical Sugar Cane (P655) has deep moisturizing, nourishing and smoothing properties.

Daintree's Antioxidant Body Scrub–Tropical Sugar Cane (P575) combines raw sugar cane with Vitamins A and C to rev up your circulation for radiant and healthy skin.

Daintree's Jojoba Exfoliating Shower Gel (P575) contains tropical sugar cane and jojoba oil which can heal the body and ward off infections.

Indulgence 2: Palama-Lapa Thai Herbal Spa's Good Day Everyday Shampoo (P650) gently lathers your hair with the refreshing mixture of lime, olive and mint.

Palama-Lapa Thai Herbal Spa's Clear Away Detox Shampoo (P650) can help get rid of toxins and leftover styling products with its green tea and ginger properties.

Palama-Lapa Thai Herbal Spa's Spice and Shine Shower and Bath Gel (P695) stimulates you and your body with its combination of spicy ginger and marigold.

Indulgence 3: Hi Shine Manager (P450) will make you say goodbye to frizzy and "fly-away" hair and protects hair from sun damage.

Hi Shine Shaper (P450) is perfect for people with thick, treated hair. It contains naturopathic ingredients that will protect, control and maintain your desired hairstyle.

Hi Super Shine Mask (P525), a hair glossing treatment that is packed with protein, will give life to your dull and tired hair by coating it with a glossy and protective film.

Indulgence 4: Harnn Spice Soap Set (P250) contains Cinnamon, Clove and Nutmeg soaps that will invigorate you with their different scents.

Harnn Herb Soap Set (P250) contains basil, lemongrass and seaweed soaps that will tantalize your senses.

Indulgence 5: Harnn Botanical Water (P400) is a refreshing mix of eucalyptus, geranium and menthol that will soothe you and relieve your stress. It's like summer in a bottle.

Indulgence 6: Mayaltha Better Bottom Serum (P1,295) will help firm and smoothen the skin on your buttocks and give you an obvious lift, thanks to plant-active ingredients like hops and organic seaweed extracts and wild fennel pure essential oil.

Mayaltha Better Body Mud (P1,295) is made from bentonite mud, organic seaweed, gingko biloba, horse chestnut, witch hazel, west Indian lime, native grapefruit and wild fennel. It can smooth, firm and detoxify your thighs, abdomen, upper arms and buttocks.

Mayaltha Better Breast Serum (P1,295) soothes, strengthens and firms breast tissue with naturopathic ingredients for a visible and permanent lift after regular use.

Indulgence 7: The Natural Source Foaming Facial Cleanser (P325) regularly cleanses fine facial skin. The combination of chestnut and cucumber removes stubborn skin residue and softens the skin.

The Natural Source Gentle Facial Toner (P325) is a rose toner that can be used to tighten the skin.

The Natural Source Feather-Light Facial Lotion (P325) disappears upon application. It cools, moisturizes and makes the skin feel good.

Pam Pastor

Daintree products are from Australia while Harnn and Palama-Lapa products are from Thailand. All products are available at PCX outlets and First Aid in Greenbelt 3.

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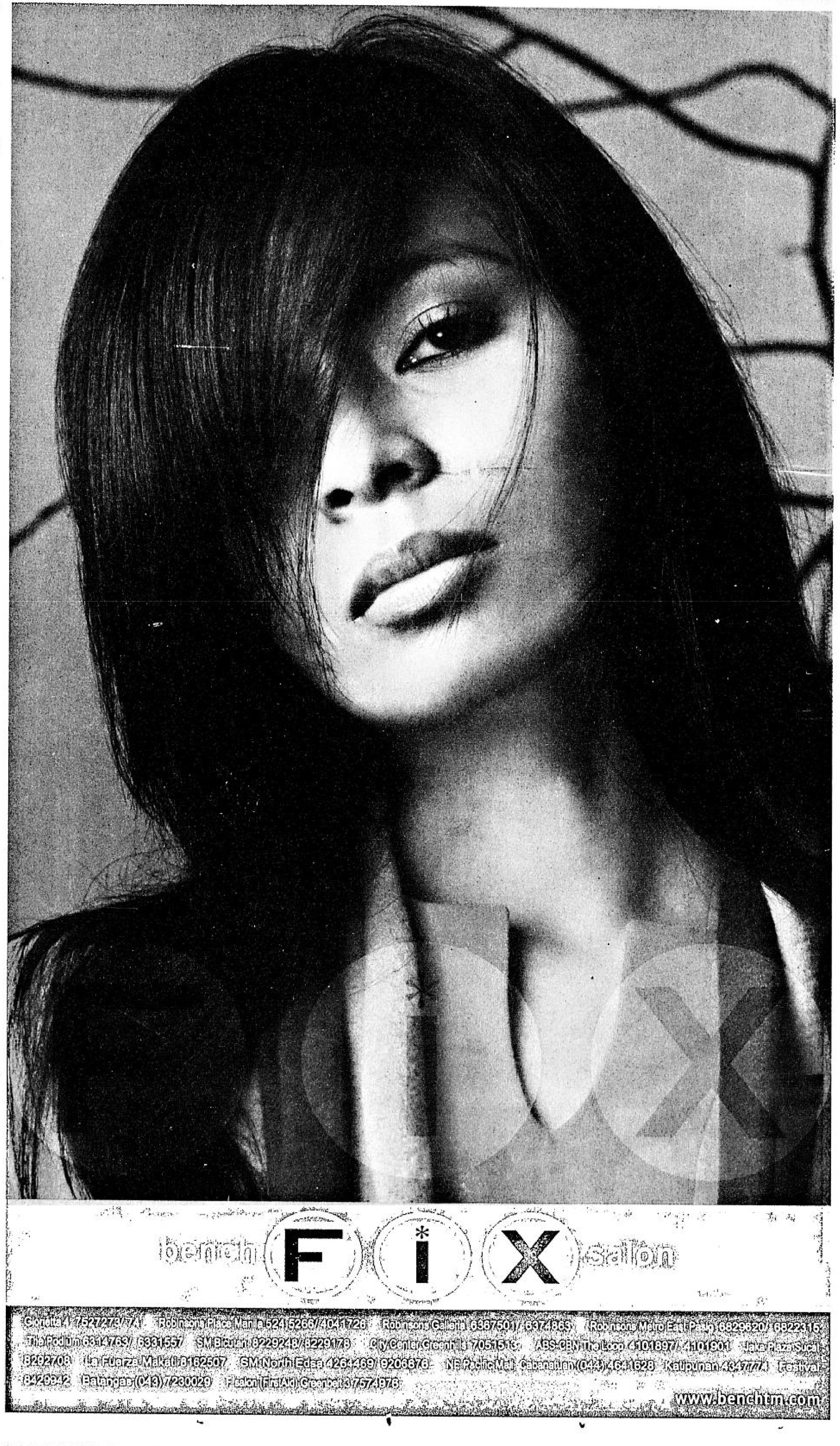
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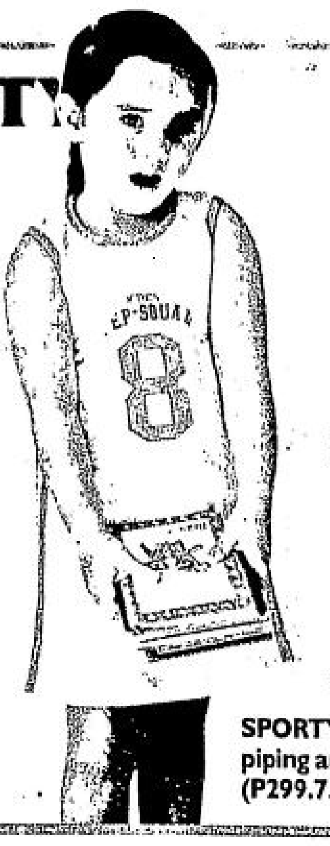
Mini-me'

Kinderbench offers outfits for kids who already have their own sense of style

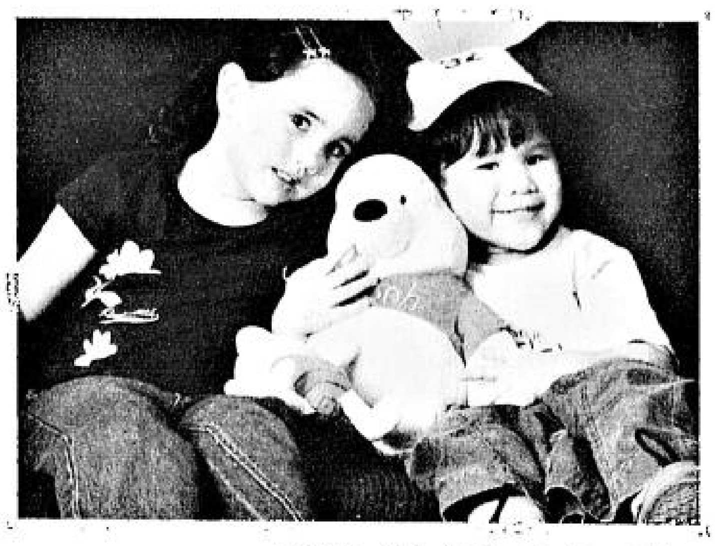
SHE'S in a white top with pink piping (P229.75) while he's in a knit-collared shirt with number patch (P299.75) and Kinderbench baseball cap (P199).

PLAYTIME. Juliana wears a roundneck scarlet tee with cap sleeves (P279.75), while Ika dons a sporty shirt with contrast raglan sleeves and Kinderbench print (P299.75).

BLUE roundneck tee with print (P279.75)



SPORTY dress with pink piping and number print (P299.75)



BLACK shirt with floral print on Juliana (P229.75); comfy roundneck top with graphic print (P279.75) on Ika

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
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WHEN it comes to styling and fashion trends, it seems everyone these days has something to say, even kids.

"Surprisingly, children nowadays choose what they want to wear and what clothes to buy," says Gina Yupangco, creative designer of Kinderbench for girls. "You can't dictate to them anymore. They know the styles—and they're good at it."

Since youngsters these days want to be like adults in what they wear and how they look, Kinderbench, which targets kids aged 2 to 7, has designs that follow the styles of Her Bench (for women) and Bench (for men).

"The colors, the styles and even looks are always somewhat similar to the grownup lines," says Yupangco. Kinderbench designers simply make kids' versions of adult lines, creating what they call "mini-me's."

Even the image model for the kiddie line of the phenomenally growing retail company is a junior version of the image models for the adult collections: Juliana, daughter of Richard and Lucy Gomez.

Active kids

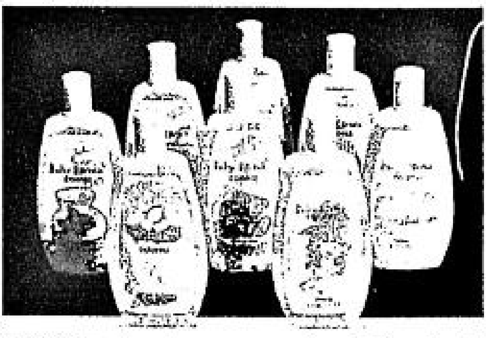
Since sportswear is in among grownups, Kinderbench is also coming out with its own sporty collection for fun-loving boys and girls. The newest collection aims to project vibrant and energetic children in bright-colored tees, halter dresses, raglan shirts with printed patches and other chic casuals. The sporty look is complimented with baseball caps in solid or combinations of two or three colors.

"Kinderbench sporty collection offers clean, clear and bright colors. It's an exciting line," says Yupangco.

Plus points go to Kinderbench for the fabric it uses in all children's clothes: 100 percent cotton.

Besides apparel, Bench carries accessories and colognes for kids. Baby Bench colognes come in eight yummy varieties: popsicle, lollipop, bubble gum, lemon drop, cotton candy, gummy bear, jelly bean, and the best-selling ice mint.

MODELS: JULIANA TORRES GOMEZ AND IKA DIAZ
VENUE: PDI DAY-CARE CENTER



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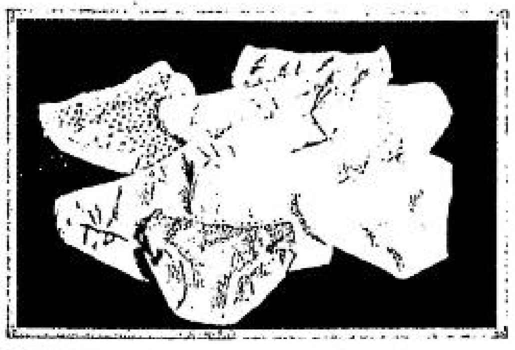
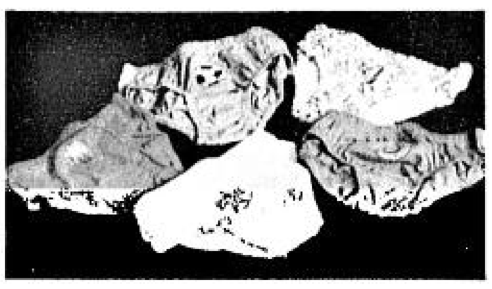
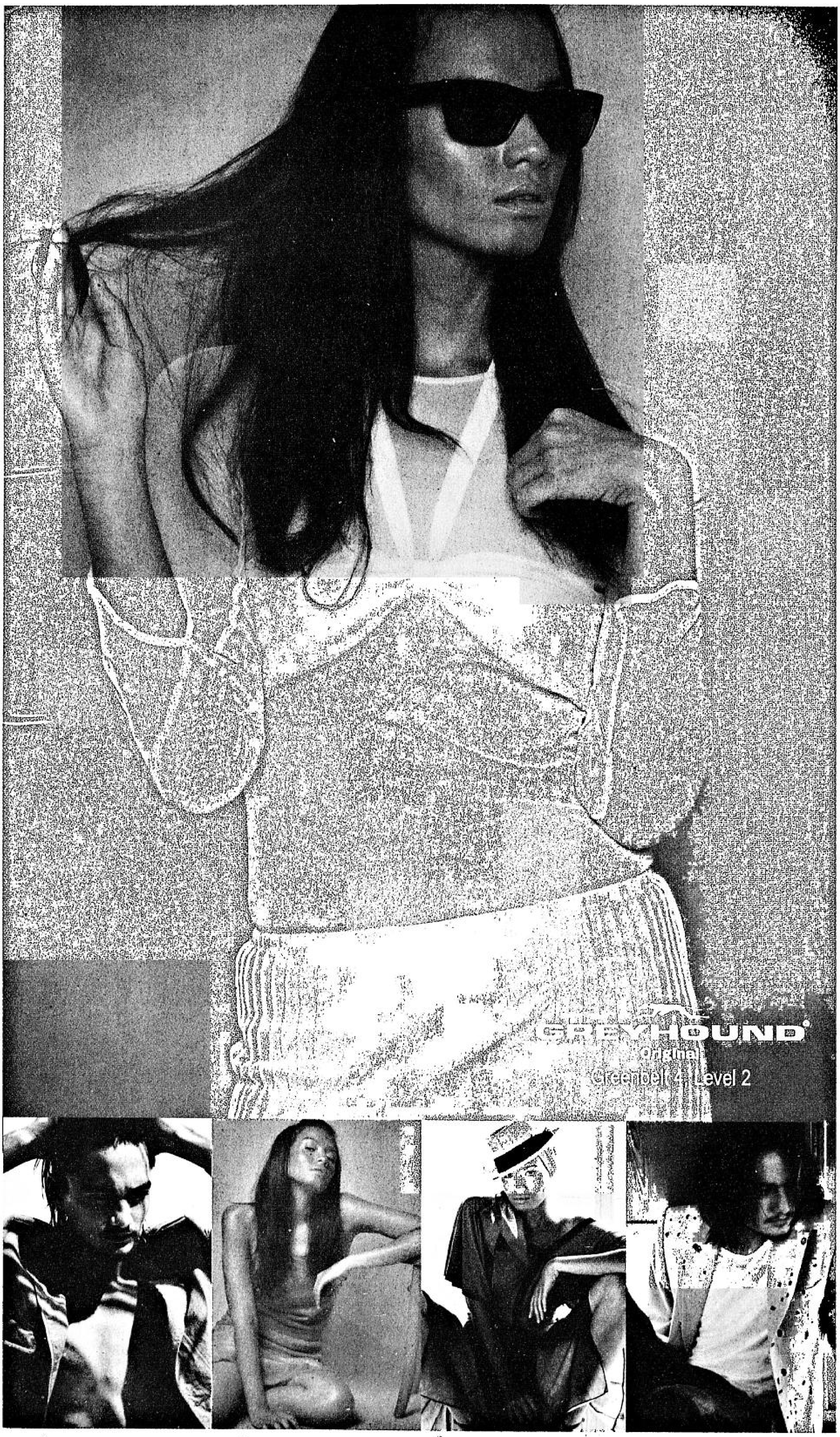


KINDERBENCH girls' undies in various prints and colors



KINDERBENCH boys' underwear



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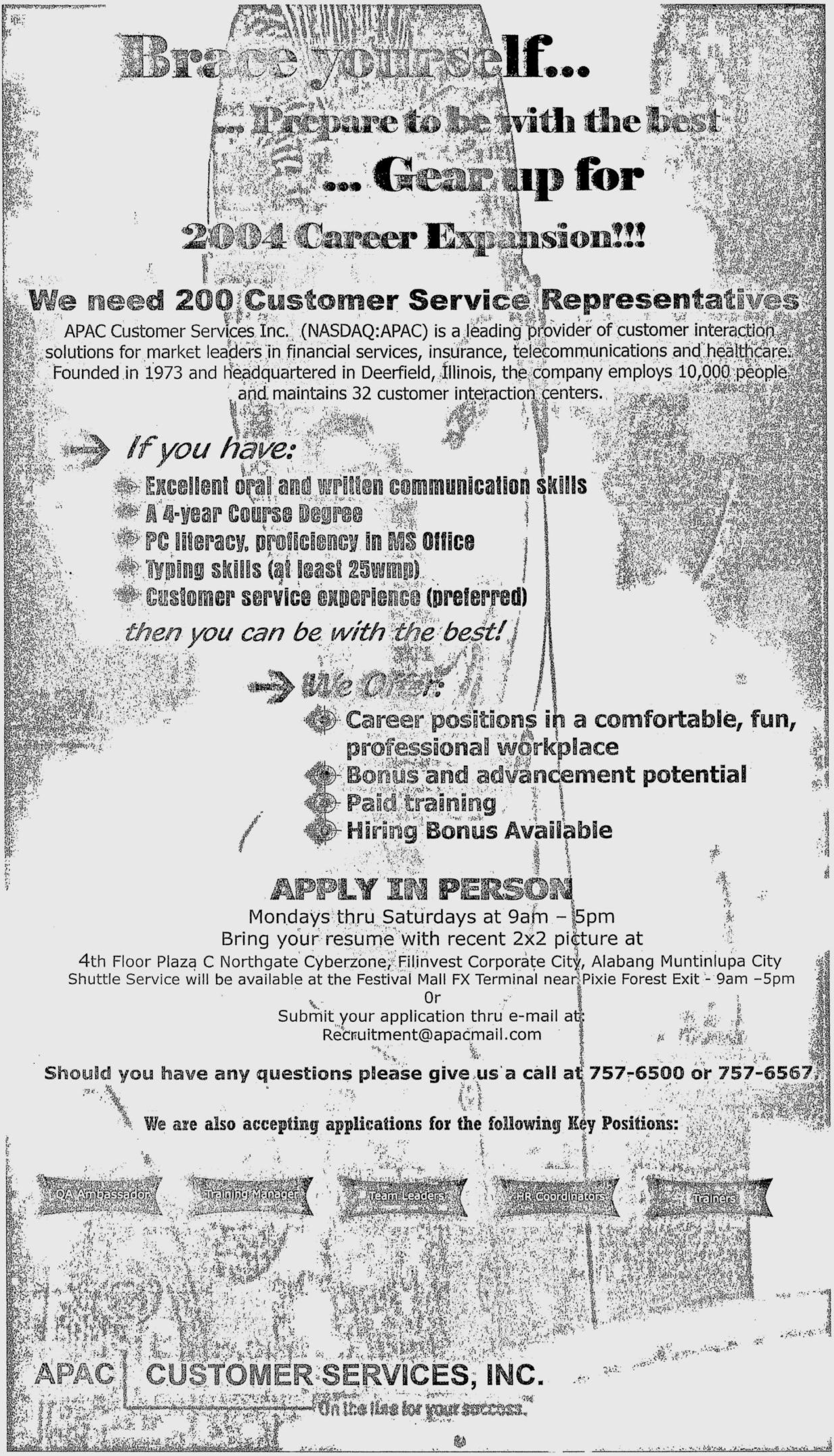

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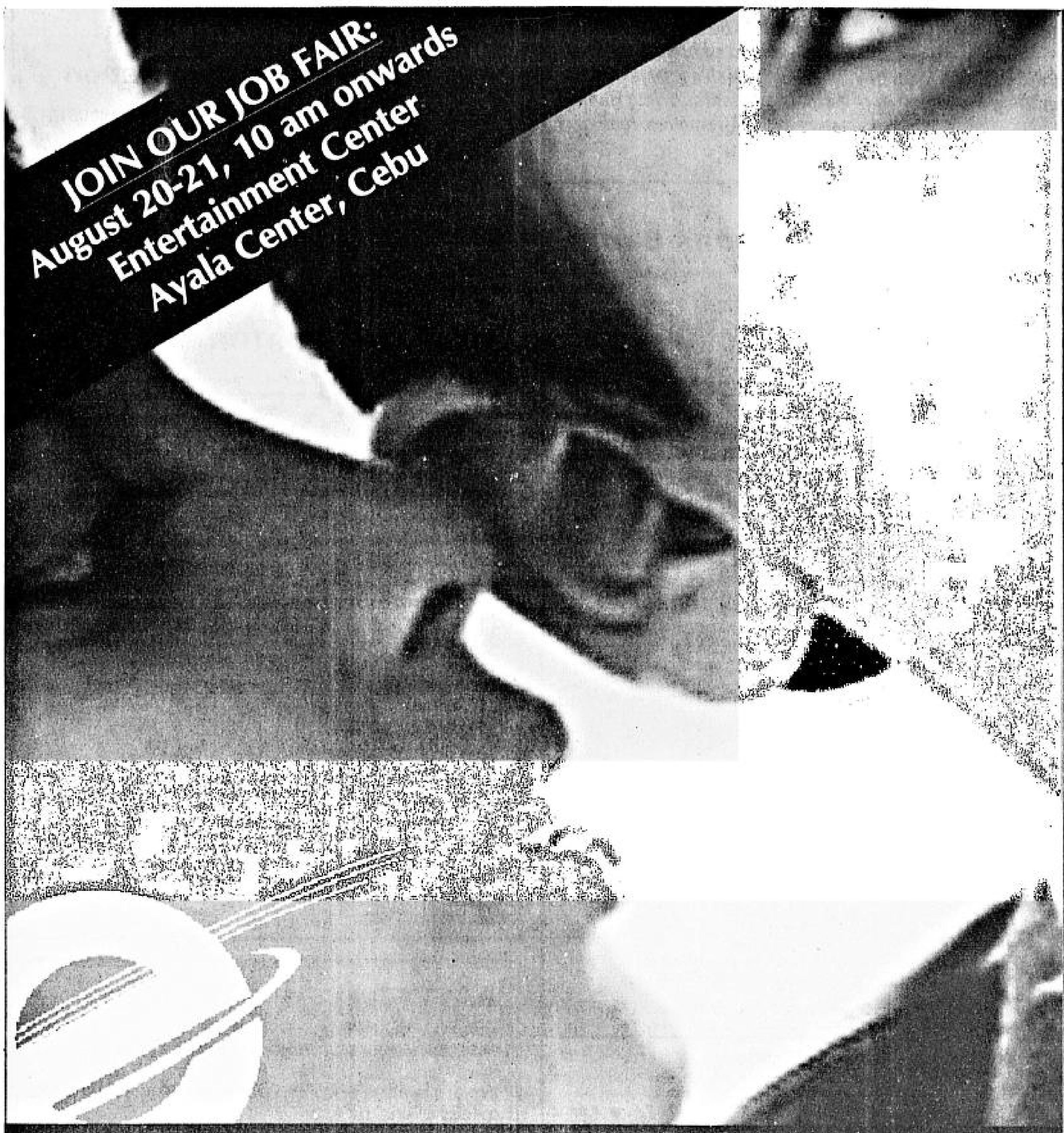

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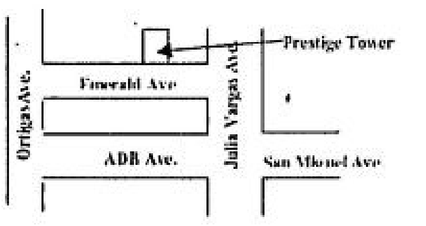

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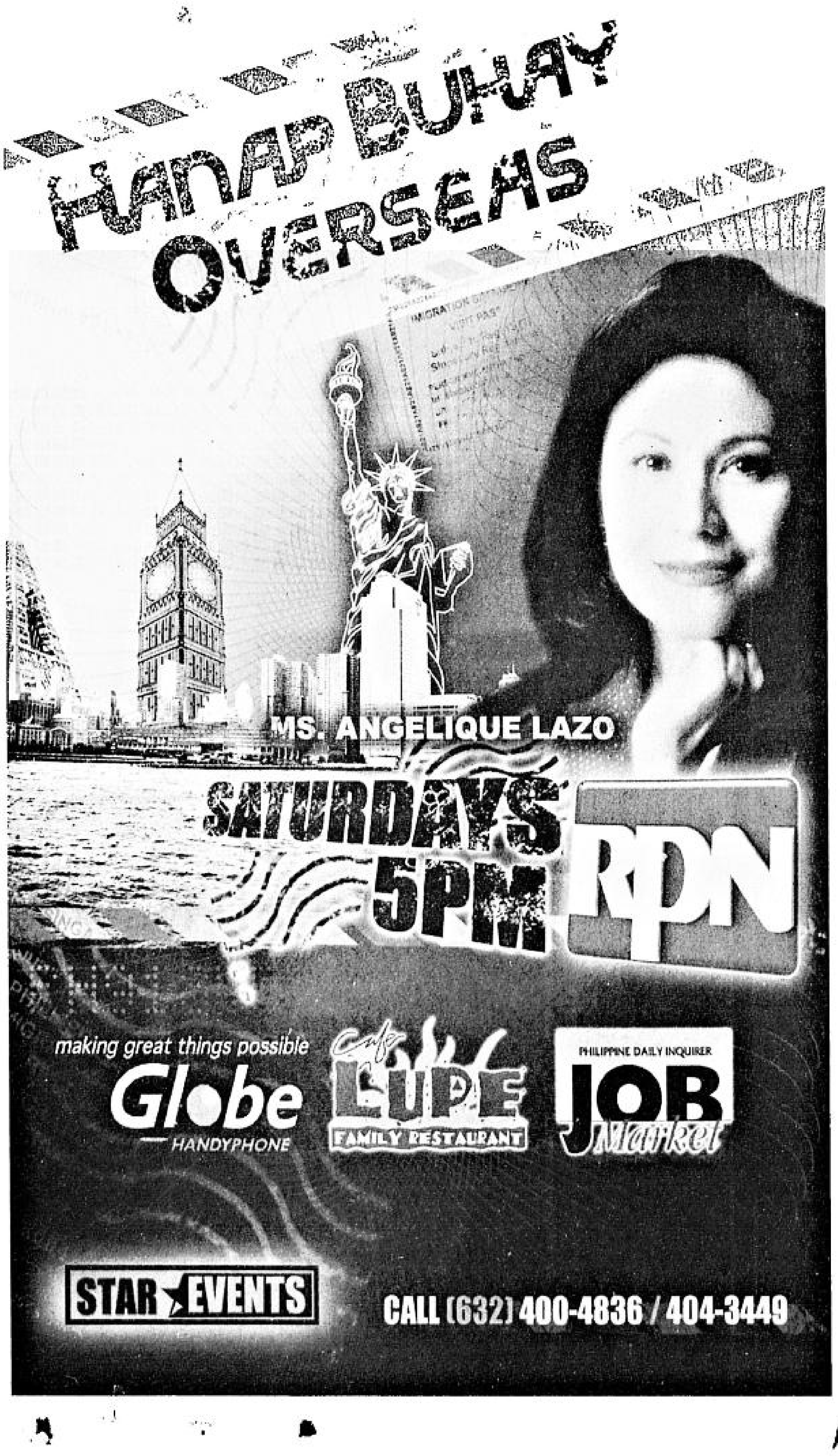
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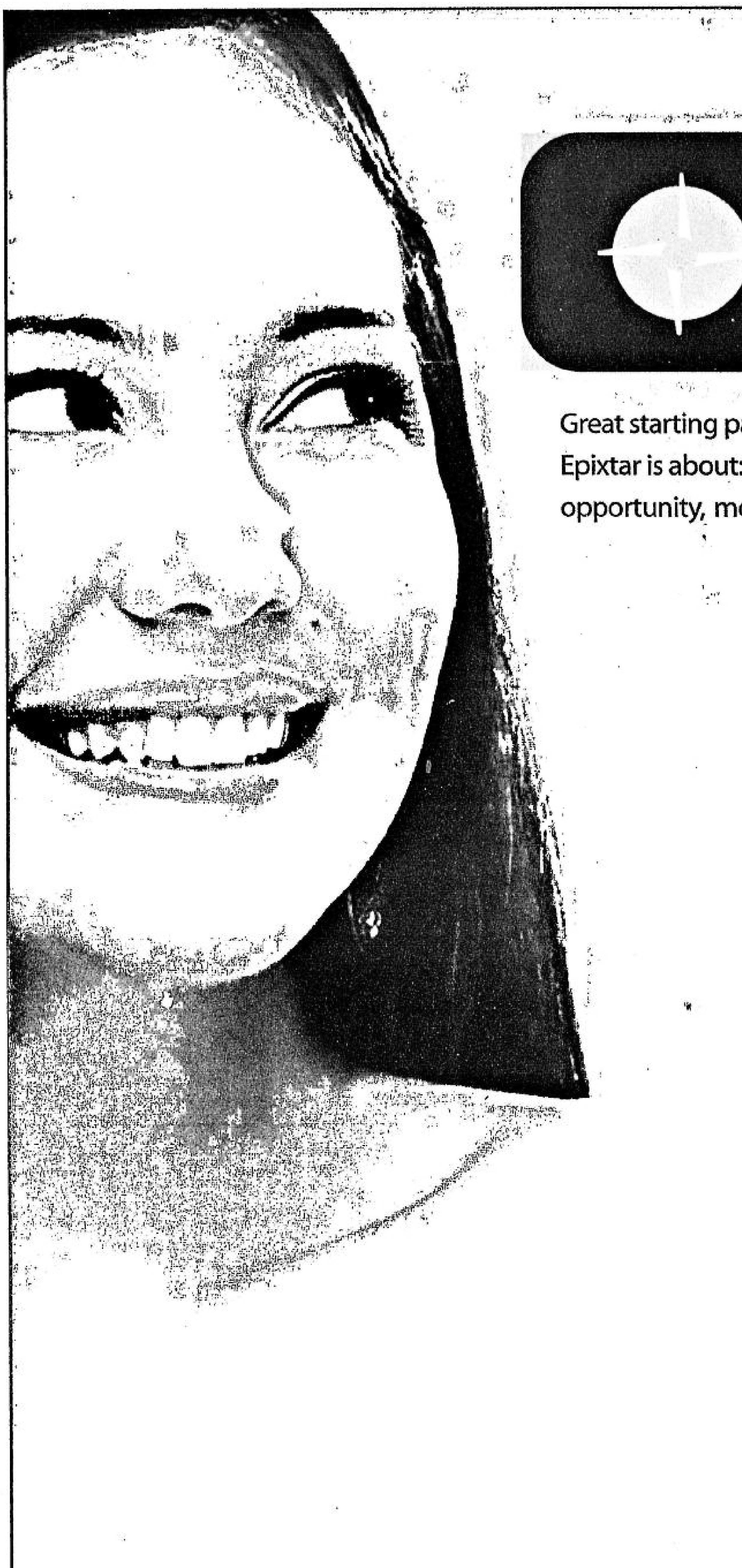
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Big work stuff I learned from a small book

By Candy G. Villanueva

IT'S A WONDER how a 3x4 inch book could make such a great impact in the workplace. Years ago I picked out a small book, not much bigger than the average company ID, titled "A Don't Sweat the Small Stuff Treasury, A Special Collection for the Office." It's based on the international best-selling series "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff " by Richard Carlson, Ph.D.

They say stress is one of the greatest killers of all time especially in the rat race we now know as the working life. I don't know if this book can really save lives but Richard Carlson makes a strong point in this small wonder. We tend to take our work too seriously until it completely takes over our life. Work becomes hell and we complain about it incessantly without knowing that it is of our own doing. Carlson dissects our work patterns and helps us figure out what we're doing wrong. But if you're thinking, who would have the time, in between endless deadlines and meetings, to read a miniature 100-page book, then you really just might have a problem with stress or time management. It's time to re-engineer our attitude toward work before work completely takes over.

Simplifying the list

"Remind Yourself that When You Die, Your 'In Basket' Won't Be Empty." Chapter 1's title is an eye opener for all of us specially for those who toil day after day waking up before the alarm clock does its work and getting to the office before the security guard just so at the end of the day, every item on the to-do list gets ticked off. When did the to-do list ever get completed?

Everyday we find new things to do. If we close a deal today, there would always be another deal to work on the day after and the day after. As a writer I noticed the same thing. As soon as I issue a sigh of relief after a long feature article, I realize there's another article waiting for me to start on. For the pessimists, it's a vicious cycle. But for the practical ones, it's just a reminder that there will never be an end so why sweat it?

It's such a pleasure to tick off an item from the task list but it's also a downer to end the day with a few more items on the list left undone. I learned that it's best to be realistic about my goals for the day. There's only a few hours in one day, why pack it with monumental tasks I'll never be able to finish anyway? I've come to realize that the trick is to only note down the important things that I really need to do and leave the rest for later. This way my to-do list is simpler, less intimidating and always gets completed. Carlson has this to add, "If you're obsessed with getting everything done, you'll never have a sense of well-being! In reality, almost everything can wait."

Success is not equal to stress

Most executives who are at the top of their game live on two simple equations: stress = success, and busy = business. Our generation has this silly notion that the busier we are, the more successful we become. Thus, we embrace more responsibility and train ourselves to adapt to a higher stress level. Carlson advises to lower our tolerance to stress. That is, not to act like superman and pretend that we can take in anything and everything because we have created a high level of tolerance for stress.

Most of the time, we have to admit that we create our own stress sources. The idea is to take deadlines and demands as part of the job and not as emergencies. This way when things don't go exactly our way we can always be comforted by the fact that come 6 p.m., we could leave our worries on the desk. After all, there is still life beyond the four walls of our office cubicle. Carlson also advises to look at problems, deadlines or challenges as tests and not as more stress-adding factors. "See each issue you face as an opportunity to grow, a chance to roll with the punches," he says.

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Creating our own stress mines also brings us to another important point—not being able to say "no." Most of us can't refuse responsibilities or requests because we are either afraid of disappointing other people or afraid of letting an opportunity pass us by. If we keep on doing this, then life will surely pass us by.

Taking it easy

"Most of the time, we are scrambling around, moving very quickly, doing three or four things at once," observes the author. We overload on our tasks afraid that we will fall behind with our schedules and eat our competitor's dust. Carlson notes that by overloading, our concentration suffers and we fail to recognize what is really relevant.

This can be easily remedied by determining our priorities, not taking work too seriously and taking a break. Often by determining our priorities, we come to realize that work only comes in second or third after love, family and other more important aspects in life. By doing this, we keep in mind not to take our work too seriously and by relaxing our attitude toward work; we do not become easy prey to stress.

Carlson also adds, "failure to take regular breaks is an enormous mistake that not only wears you down over time, but actually makes you less productive." A break may mean sharing a quick cup of cocoa with an officemate in the middle of a busy afternoon or a long leisurely getaway from the city. Whatever it takes to take our mind off work and refresh our tired senses, we should take that extra effort to take a break.

Early start

"The early bird gets the worm." It may be an age-old adage, but it still is simple wisdom. Carlson advises to be an early riser. The earlier we get up, the more time we have for work, family and ourselves. Rising early also gives us ample time to prepare for work, have a decent breakfast sitting down and avoid traffic so we get to the office on time, relaxed and full of energy.

He suggests reserving an hour or two of each day just for ourselves. By being up early before workday begins, we'll have time for self-fulfillment and not feel ripped off by work at the end of the day. Carlson always spends a few moments before work to meditate, read a good book or exercise.

Also, try to start a project early. Don't wait for the last minute and cram before the deadline. Most of us reason that cramming keeps our creative juices flowing and panic is the best jumpstart. Carlson reasons with this by saying "think of how much less stress would be in your life if you would simply begin your tasks a little earlier."

I can already hear the cries as most of you might argue that if we wake up an hour or two early, we miss out on much needed sleep. Carlson has a simple solution. "If you must, turn off the television at night and get to sleep an hour or two earlier."

Redefining success

A red sports car, your picture in the cover of Time magazine, a TOYM award and a senior partner title on your business card—these are some of the images of success for most people. "These are ways of keeping score and improving our circumstances," says Carlson. However, they are not "the most important types of accomplishments if your primary goal is one of happiness or inner peace."

The book wisely states that rather than obsessing on medals and financial rewards, we should put more emphasis on what is really important. And that is, getting the job done right, gratifying service or simply loving what we do. There are over 101 rewards to a job aside from external accomplishments. By concentrating on what really matters, we come to realize that success really is all about loving our work and not about promotions or fat paychecks.

Thank God it's today

Admit it, we are all members of the "Thank-God-It's-Friday" club. We rejoice whenever Friday comes rolling around the corner because this would signify the end of a workweek. Carlson suggests changing this attitude and thanking God for every day because it is an opportunity to work, be productive and get things done. Carlson suggests adapting "a desire to have a higher quality of life and the desire to appreciate rather than dread each day."

This simple principle should extend to the attitude of our work. If we are not happy about our work, then why are we sticking with it in the first place? Carlson says to stop wishing we were somewhere else. Bloom where you are planted, somebody once said. If we find this unacceptable, then we must find an endeavor that keeps our blood flowing and give it everything we have. So instead of saying "I have to go to work," we should say, "today is an opportunity for me to be the best that I can be." If we love our work, there is no reason why we can't say this.

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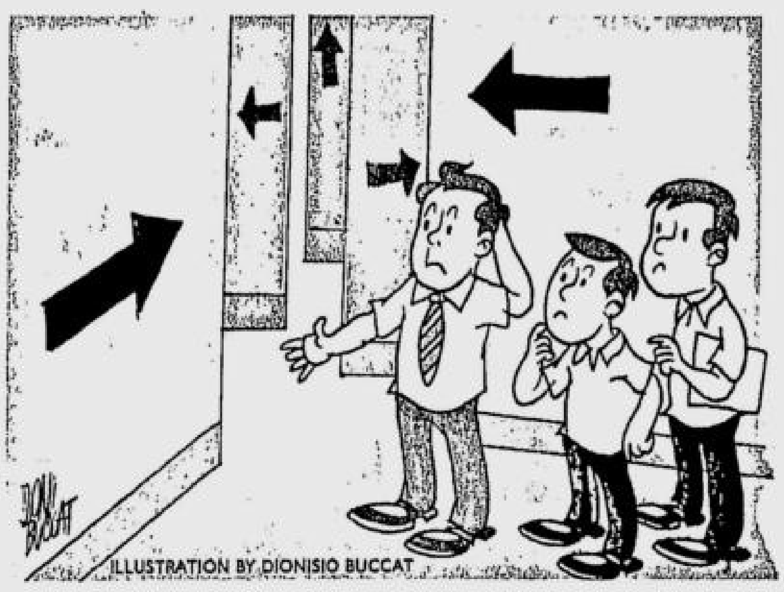
Show Me The Ropes

One of my favorite annual events is the Wacky Warning Labels contest. I just love reading all the things that businesses—and their lawyers—think we consumers need to know. Last year's winner was a label attached to a clothes iron that said, "Never iron clothes while they are being worn." With companies producing labels like that you'd think we'd be great at orienting new employees, wouldn't you? But somehow we seem to give them hardly any warning at all. Even companies that have employee orientation programs rarely tell them the stuff they really need to know. As you plan your program, consider the questions below. For more ideas, check out Jean Barbazette's book, "Successful New Employee Orientation" (Pfeiffer, 1994).

Who ARE all these people and what do they do? Sure, you'll give your new employees an organizational chart listing all your people and their titles. But as we all know, the org chart tells only part of the story.

Your rookies also need to know who the movers and shakers are, whom to approach with what kind of problem, and whom to avoid like the plague. Take months off their learning curve by giving them the inside scoop. Where do I go when I get stuck? You probably don't want every rookie coming to you with every question. So create a buddy system. Pair up your new hires with old-timers who can teach them the ropes. If you pick your buddies carefully, this will be a morale and productivity booster for both parties.

Help! Where's the bathroom? Remember your first day at Company X when you shook 27 hands, smiled at 52 faces, learned how to use the phones and how to file benefit claims forms, were shown five copy machines, three bathrooms, two conference rooms, one lunch room, and remembered none of it? Spare your new employees. Show them the really essential stuff—then let their buddies do the rest later when they're ready to absorb more. And give them written instructions for any machines they'll need to use.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How do I get paid? A new employee's paycheck may not be a burning issue for you, but, guaranteed, it is for him. Make sure he knows everything he needs to know to get paid on time right from the start.

What are the rules around here? You've given your new recruits the company handbook. Now give them the UNWRITTEN rules. Tell them what the sacred cows are. Warn them about potential landmines. Protect them from unexpected shrapnel.

Write the right kind of warning labels for your new employees and you just might be surprised at a totally wacky result: they'll be able to hit the ground running from the very start.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: What is your approach to new employee orientation?

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—Give 'em a little, 35.8 percent

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Call center firms fear manpower shortage

By Joel B. Escovilla
PDI Mindanao Bureau

DAVAO City—Call center companies are apprehensive about a possible shortage of manpower because of the increasing popularity of non-English courses, particularly nursing, an industry insider said.

Lisa Caudal, manager of People Support for Business Communications and Marketing, said their fear was not unfounded because the call center industry was growing at a very rapid pace.

Caudal said in 2003 alone, the call center industry generated about 40,000 jobs.

"We expect 70 to 100 percent growth this year," she said. Caudal said that because more students were taking up non-English courses, schools would soon be unable to bridge the gap in the call center industry's manpower need.

"The call center industry is growing at a tremendous rate, can we sustain that labor growth?" she asked.

Caudal said call center companies have already launched a nationwide campaign for English-related courses.

She said big universities in Manila even set up elective courses specializing in customer representative service, but students still preferred nursing.

"They (school officials) are already complaining that their laboratories are full but their computer rooms are idle. They themselves feel the waste," Caudal said.

She said she could not blame the students because nursing offered a more attractive salary package and the opportunity to work overseas.

An entry level customer representative earns about P8,000 to P12,000 basic salary excluding overtime pay, overnight differential, meals and transportation allowance and a "special shift pay."

The apprehension over the lack of competitive graduates also prompted call center industry officials to mount a massive recruitment drive outside of Manila and Cebu, where most US-owned call center firms operate.

In the city, People Support and Covergys, another top call center firm, joined the Job Hunt 2004 at the NCCC Mall of Davao. The job hunt ended on Friday.

Facing limited career options

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cell phone to a P900 or a 7650, you might decide to use the money to first enroll in an IT course. (Upgrading to a new cell phone or bar-hopping is an expense; enrollment in an IT course is an investment.) Your cell phone today will be outdated in a few months, but your IT education can boost your career (and financial viability) for the rest of your life.

If you should move to a different industry, know the particular industry well. Ask around, read about it, do your own research and see if you can have a niche in that industry. When applying for a job in another industry, highlight more your competencies and how you can create or contribute value in that new industry—rather than highlighting your work history. In short, know your "value proposition." Before you go on a job-hunting spree, know your competition and assess whether you have a fighting chance. Most of all, know the job and customize your resume so that you fit exactly the job specifications—without lying about your credentials. As Sun Tzu said, "Know yourself and your enemy, and you need not fear a thousand battles."

If and when you get a new job, don't rest on your laurels. Make continuous learning a habit. It pays to have continuing education—but don't let schooling interfere with your education.

Quote for the week

"If you do not see any possibility at all that your career will flourish within the company, check out opportunities in other companies. Do that silently and never announce your intention until you are sure that you have found your place in another company. Premature announcements of your intent to leave your present employer can jeopardize your present career." (Ernie O. Cecilia, FPM, "How To Keep Your Job," 2000.)

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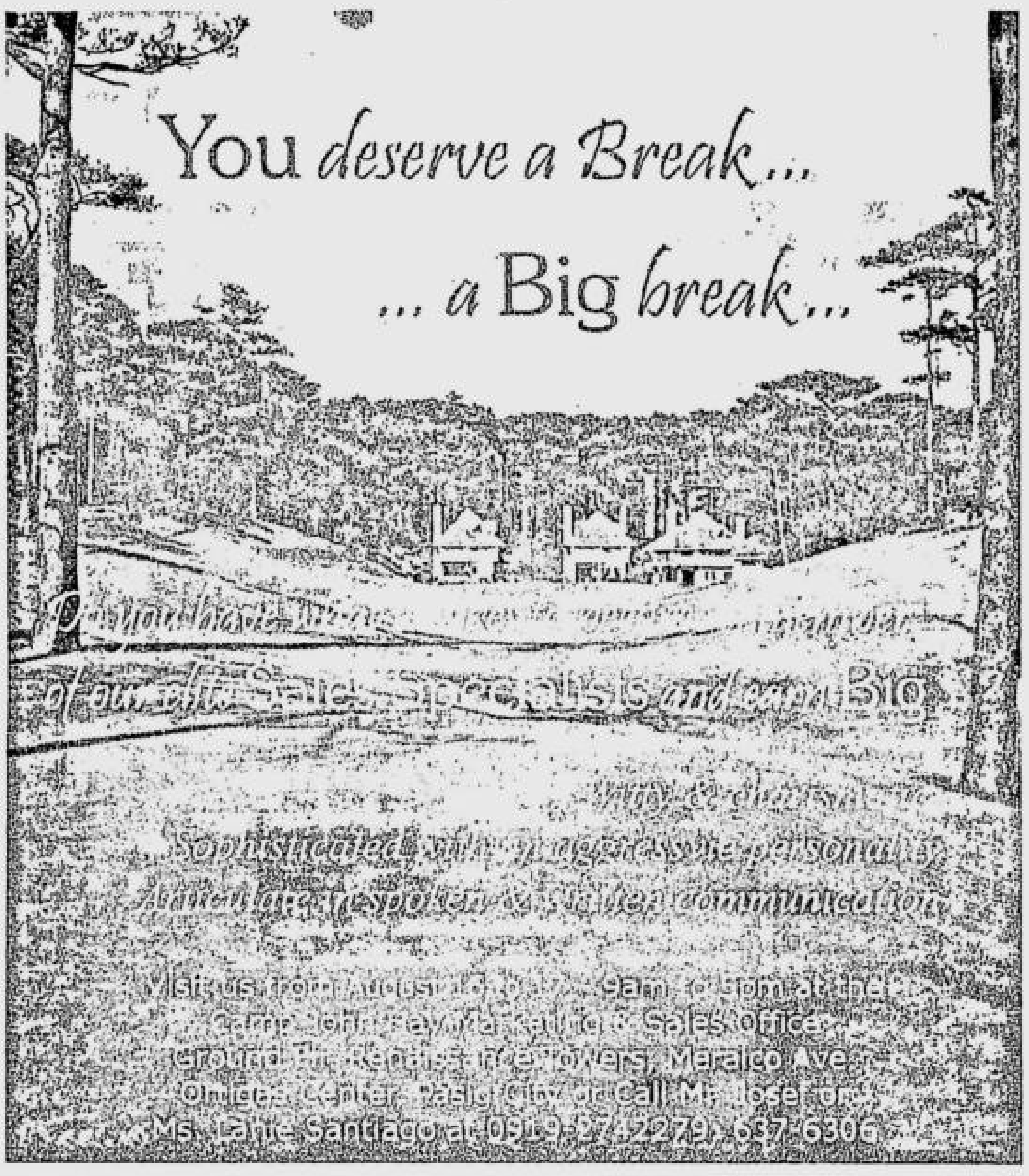
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Signposts on the route to prosperity

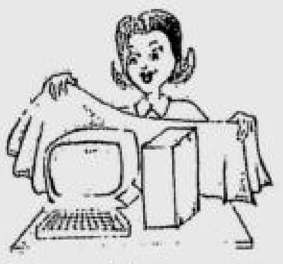
BEST ★ Attitudes

By Teresa Reyes Tunay, OCDS
Illustrations by Rolando Reyes

HAVE you ever asked people why they work so hard? Chances are they'd tell you they work hard to acquire money and to succeed. In a word, they want prosperity—a life goal for many people. It's okay to want to make money, after all, almost every move man makes calls for money: from eating his first mouthful in the morning onwards. There are bills to pay, children to send to school, etc. It's also natural to want to be successful. What human being in his right mind would want to fail? We all want to enjoy a full life, to flourish at whatever we do, but do we really understand the meaning of prosperity?

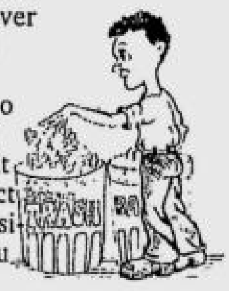
1 Fine, we work for money and success. We know what money is, but we often equate success with the ability to make as much money as we want, not as we can. The road to prosperity has its own signposts and directional arrows, and if you want to be truly prosperous, you must be able to heed what they tell you. Here are some of them:

2 Remember: the higher the mountain, the greater the effort needed to climb to its top. Don't gloat on your past victories—live well and wisely in the present and stop worrying about future successes.



3 Your problems are opportunities to improve yourself, not to blame others. Learn to prioritize and discern what has to be given up for the most important things in life.

4 Remember that whatever you own is merely entrusted to you, therefore, treat it with respect and responsibility; if you take it for granted, you'll lose it.



5 When your perception clashes with reality, adjust, and be patient in trying to understand what life is teaching you with every painful discovery. Be thankful for your disappointments, for they are stepping stones to prepare you for success.

6 Don't waste your emotions envying others. Be happy for their successes as if they were your own, and soon you will see your unique qualities that will lead to your own success.

7 Know that wealth is contentment—and contentment does not mean a fat bank account. (If it did, then why do moneyed folks have as many problems as penniless ones?)

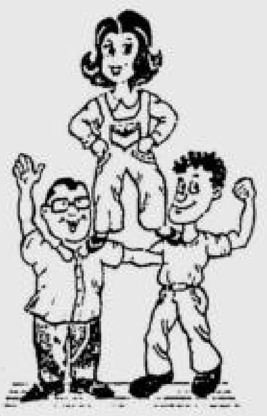
8 The less important you claim you are, the more important you will be in other people's eyes. A healthy degree of self-promotion is okay, though, as long as you deliver.

9 To be prosperous, bless everyone. It means speaking (*dictio* in Latin) well (*bene*) or saying something good about others. To bless (*benedicere*) someone, therefore, is to affirm that person's worth.

10 Remember that acquiring more money creates the appetite to make more—this becomes an obsession, which will eventually destroy you. Thus, in your pursuit of money, include the good of all.

11 You are made with built-in strength; don't use other people as crutches in any way. Neither should you depend on luck, or mindlessly obey charlatans who offer a magical or effortless way to wealth and success. Your reason, balanced with faith, can guide you through any situation towards ultimate triumph.

12 Life has changing rhythms—learn to dance with them. It may seem difficult at first, but a lot of fun once you master the dance.



13 Make time for singing and humor: your money and your success would be useless if in running after them you lose your enjoyment of song and laughter.

These are, as I said, but signposts, clues about which way to pass best and what to avoid. You've got to work out your own route based on your own mistakes, discoveries, conquests and common sense. Wish you the best!

Facing limited career options

By Ernie O. Cecilia

I AM 33 years old and rose from the ranks to become a bank officer. I've been with the bank for seven years now in its Information Technology application department. I am an accounting graduate and did accounting work for three years prior to working with the bank.

Sometimes, I want to seek other IT jobs in other industries. However, my IT skills have remained stagnant in comparison with the current market and I know that my skills are not enough to allow me to move to a higher paying IT job elsewhere. I also realize that my career options in the bank are getting limited at my current level.

I want to take further studies in IT, but my financials prevent me from doing so. Please advise me.

Stagnant Career Person

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

Rejoice and count your blessings—you have a job now and you have awakened to the reality of the threat of stagnation in your career. As we write today, millions are in a worse situation—jobless and don't know what jobs they want or where to find them. You are better off in that you know that there exists a potential problem with your career and that you need help. In this day and age, the number of people who need to be awakened is far greater than that of those who need advise, help or comfort. Many are unaware of the career dangers lurking in the workplace today, until skills obsolescence, irrelevance and mismatch finally take their toll and send countless employees back to the asphalt jungle hunting for jobs.

Firstly, know what you want and where you can most likely succeed—in accounting or in IT? In either case, you have to arm yourself with the required competencies to be able to succeed in your chosen field. Know the trade and the state of the art. Know what it takes to succeed and benchmark with successful practitioners in your field. If you can, find a model you can emulate. If you can afford, find a mentor who will teach you not only the skills necessary to do the job in your field but the competencies to get hired and get promoted to your dream career or job.

What you studied about accounting or IT 10 years ago will definitely need updating today and in the future. Accounting today is being done by the computer—that's not what was taught in schools 10 years ago. Information Technology has advanced by leaps and bounds and if you feel deficient today, I can only agree with you completely.

You said you were contemplating on taking further IT courses, but your financials don't allow you. Let me comment now on the first part, and later on the financials. If you truly want to succeed in an IT career, you have to invest in your career. If IT is where your passion is, spend time, effort and money to "upskill and multi-skill" yourself in that field. Education and training will boost your competence and confidence to take on greater jobs. If you don't get the right competencies, particularly in the IT field, your career can get adversely affected. Technology advances faster than we can cope. Sometimes, I liken it to a steamroller that runs continuously behind you. Imagine what happens the moment you stop running. Technology has started a footrace that ordinary people can't win. If you are always waiting to hear what's new, you're already late. The successful ones are making the new things that you hear about later.

The other part is about your financials that stand in the way of your pursuing further IT studies. Most people don't have enough money. (Ironically, some of the richest people are in the IT field.) The successful ones, even among ordinary employees, are able to manage their finances well—because they are clear about what they want in life and career and, therefore, know where to spend their money. It's a simple fact—if you don't know what you want to do with your life, chances are you won't know what to do with your money. Of course, you have to subsist—by all means spend for food, clothing and shelter, but save enough for your passion. If you have passion for your career, passion for the latest cell phones, or passion for leisure, you must learn to prioritize and spend your money on your priorities. Instead of upgrading your

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Unpaid work

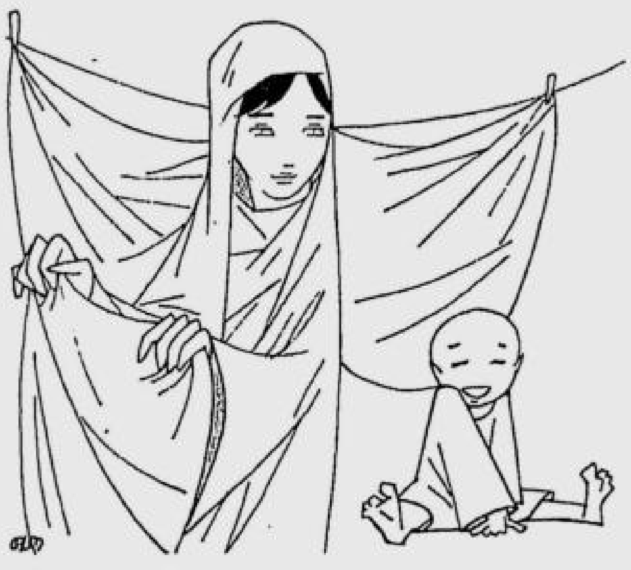
By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

AT A SPIRITUAL retreat once, a priest in good humor said "Sometimes, when I need to put the nuns' feet back on the ground, I remind them that Mary was not a nun—she was a housewife." That struck me. For indeed, Mary did not live in community with other women; she was a housewife—she cooked for her family, cleaned house, washed dishes, did laundry, fetched water from the well, changed the baby Jesus' diapers and maybe even coached her child with his homework. And yet, we run to Mary now for heavenly help on our needs.

This should inspire women who call themselves "only a housewife." Why "only"? Because their unpaid work does not count in a country's GNP? If housework were so insignificant, then why do our women who are abroad get paid thousands of dollars and euros for doing the same thing?

The question of unpaid housewife's work is not as simple as it appears. A radical look at it could lead to more questions—and maybe to solutions to many of the world's ills that are as old as the hills. Let's go on: If housework were so important that our domestic helpers get paid loads doing it, then why don't we pay the same women to do the same thing in their own households in our country? Because "housekeeping" actually becomes "homemaking" (read: labor of love) if a woman does it for her family? Then why do they leave their families behind in order to be DHs abroad? And why do their mistresses abroad entrust their homes and children to DHs who are virtual strangers? Does this mean women do not want to work for love anymore? (*E-mail the author at* avemaria@csi.com.ph.)

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL



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Gospel. Lk. 1:39-56
And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.'

The greatness of a worker

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

EVERY WORKER experiences the agony of the tension between his body and his soul—the muscles and physical energies which get tired and pull man down to rest, and the spiritual tendencies which urge man to soar ever higher to greatness. While work outwardly likens man to a beast of burden, the reality, as shown by Mary's Assumption into heaven body and soul, is that it places man equal to or even superior to angels. Perceiving one's work in this manner will make one take pride in his being a worker. Looking at himself with greater self-esteem, the worker will behave with pride and dignity in the workplace even if he does menial jobs for others.

Today's celebration of Mary's Assumption, which she herself foresaw when she said, "... all ages will call me blessed," teaches us great lessons. Mary, a plain housewife and a creature like all of us, now experiences what we, who follow her example, will experience in the future. Mary, who considered herself a "lowly handmaid," shows to the simple, ordinary worker, no matter what his or her religion, that greatness and blessedness can also be their lot. Her Assumption reminds us that our work will bring us to heaven and the very body that toils in work will in time enjoy heavenly bliss. Is this not a very consoling thought for us who bear the burden of work?

The worker, who looks at Mary and makes her part of his mind and spirit, can look forward to a life of greatness and blessedness, through his humble and "spirit-filled" performance of daily work, which is also his way of proclaiming the "greatness of the Lord." (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

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Gemma Guerrero Cruz

Growing Up in a House and an Age Full of Women

The former beauty queen and Tourism secretary speaks her mind about pageants, forebears, feuds, unrequited love and a woman's place today

Pillar's hand-painted mosaic by artist Elena Roces Guerrero, at the lobby of Le Domaine Bldg., Makati

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz
Photographs by Ernie U. Sarmiento

THE trouble with Gemma Guerrero Cruz is that she looks so darned good even at 61, it can be distracting. People get stuck on how she was the country's first international beauty queen, especially since this 1964 Miss International obliges with colorful and self-deprecating anecdotes about how she won the title.

Fortunately, Gemma is as expansive on other issues and controversies that dog her "charmed life," a description she detests. And there are many: her political ties with former President Estrada and his patron, coconut tycoon Danding Cojuangco; her much publicized tiff as Estrada Tourism secretary with her predecessor Mina Gabor (which she denies); her activist past that had her picketing beauty contests a few years after winning one; her mom writer Carmen Guerrero Nakpil's role during martial law; the breakup of her fabled marriage to an Araneta; her long-running romance with this much younger labor leader from Mexico, and lately, her involvement in the preparations for next year's centennial of the feminist movement in the Philippines.

It's a word she was initially uncomfortable with, prefacing her speech at this forum on the centennial celebration with a cautious, "I am not a feminist but..." for which she was gently chided by a fellow speaker.

Gemma has since revised her views."I've had a very comfortable existence and grew up amidst very strong women," she recounts. "No woman in my family has been oppressed so it never occurred to me that we're *api* (disadvantaged) as women or that women should fight for their rights." Unfortunately, she concedes, not all women have the same privileged background she has nor exceptional forebears who make for outstanding role models.

But if being feminist were in the genes, then Gemma would have been a natural. Her maternal grandmother, Filomena Francisco was the county's first woman pharmacist and was among the founders (along with Concepcion Felix) of the Associacion Femenista Filipinas. Founded on

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Balancing Faith and Feminism

Can Sr. Mary John Manananzan reconcile her religious calling with the Vatican letter that, news reports say, has devalued feminists like her?

HERS is one of the most identifiable faces among the religious taking to the streets in protest rallies. As national chair of the militant women's group Gabriela for 18 years since 1986, Benedictine nun Mary John Mananzan has raised her voice and fist on various issues that affect Filipino women, among them sexual harassment, rape, incest, poverty, comfort women and domestic violence.

Add to that the recently-issued "Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Collaboration of Men and Women in the Church and in the World," written by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, that has incensed local feminists. Described by the media as an attack and denunciation of feminism, the letter has accused feminists of being antagonistic to men and breaking up the family.

It's enough to get a rise out of this Missionary Benedictine Sister who has identified herself as a feminist since the '70s when her involvement with "the forces trying to change society showed me that unless we address the issues of women, we can never have a comprehensive social transformation."

The Sisters, she adds, should be on the forefront of the women's movement, "because we are a group of people who show that we can live significant lives even without a husband."

The best part

This History major found "working for justice and for the rights of women" to be the best part and also the greatest challenge of being a religious. Her parents—a judge from Pangasinan and a high school teacher mom—were not particularly religious, but Mananzan took interest "in the spiritual life and the stages of prayer" from the books she had read during school retreats. She wasn't sure she had a vocation at that time, but being a Sister gave her a chance to work with the poor. And that was enough.

Activist nun: "We are different, but equal"

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Being feminist helps, she adds. "It only means two things: one, acknowledging that there is a problem of oppression and discrimination because of one's gender, and two, being willing to work to transform structures that reinforce this problem." Blending religious conviction and feminism means "becoming a a prophetic witness. We Sisters have to mirror in our lives what we wish the world to be, and to denounce and struggle against obstacles to this."

The Vatican letter seems to be one such obstacle, adds Mananzan. "I don't know what prompted (Cardinal Ratzinger) to write it, but I don't see the letter as having any positive effect. It has caused hurt, resentment and even anger," she says during a radio interview on the program "XYZone."

The real world

Particularly galling, says this former President of St. Scholastica's College, is the phrase, "The Church, who is an expert on humanity..." She declares: "They may be experts on the theory about humanity in the abstract, but I really feel they have to learn more about humanity as real people living in the concrete context of the real world."

There is no question about feminists wanting to remove gender differences between women and men, says this Prioress of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters. "What we want instead is for women to be treated as human beings—with the same dignity, opportunities and rights as men. We are different but equal. Our being different should not be made the basis of our discrimination or subordination."

Unfortunately, she adds, "some men are so used to dominating women that when a woman acts as their equal, they think they're being overpowered. And my goodness, we are not against the family! What we don't want is a family run like a dictatorship, where women are forced to bear up with violence and abuse just to keep the family intact."

A hundred years

What we need, says Mananzan, is not a letter blaming the women for the breakup of families, but a module educating men on gender issues. "We have this group—which includes six men, two of them priests—that is developing one such module. We want to discuss issues like, can men be tender, gentle and nurturing and still be manly? In other words, can men reinvent themselves?"

As for the letter, Mananzan would rather ignore it, "as it is not an encyclical issued by the Pope but a mere pastoral letter" from one bishop to other bishops. "I don't think all the bishops think like Ratzinger. But the letter is addressed to them, so let's see what they're going to do about it. That's how we'll gauge the impact of the letter."

And while the controversial document has grated against her feminist sensibilities, it has not affected her views on religion, says this activist nun. "Fortunately, I have already developed my views on religion even before the letter. But sad to say, the letter does not encourage dialogue between men and women in the Church. And it has effectively dragged the Church a hundred steps and a hundred years back." Q

Sr. Mananzan is launching her book "Women, Religion and Spirituality in Asia" at 10 this morning at the ongoing Bookfair in the World Trade Center, Roxas Blvd., Pasay

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PHOTO EXHIBIT

A unique photo exhibit opens on Aug. 16 at Inter-Continental Manila's lobby by Art Café featuring a collection of photographs on nature by cancer survivors and caregivers. Titled "Faith," the exhibit is in memory of Philippine King of Fashion, Joe B. Salazar, and will run until Aug. 29. Proceeds from the exhibit will be used to help needy cancer patients. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

KUDOS TO DENNIS LUSTICO

Starting with a negative at the opening paragraph did not affect Alya B. Honasan's writing mettle, which was very honest and in-your-face ("This Nurse is Going Places but Not to the US or London," **SIM**, 8 August 2004). It was very much like her subject, Dennis, whom I met at the Dusit when I was still its public relations officer. Her story succeeded in showing who Dennis really is and how far he has gone with his superior talent. Dennis was among the featured "Fashion Watch" young designers then, and he stood out, at least to me, as down-to-earth, simple, forward-looking and sincere. Your story proves he hasn't changed. He probably won't remember me, but I salute him for exerting efforts at further self-realization and fulfillment. Good luck, Dennis and more power to my weekend must-read, **SIM**.

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SOME HELP FOR *NANAY* MEDING

I read *Nanay* Meding's story and she really touched me ("She Shelters the Homeless to Find Her Daughter," **SIM**, 8 August 2004). Her story is like my *lola*'s story. My *lola* loved to help the homeless and the young boys and girls who were ambulant vendors. She'd offer them her place to sleep after dark. My *lola* died when I was 5 back in 1985. It's my mom and *tito* who told great stories about her. *Nanay* Meding's eyes are like my *lola*'s eyes, and my mom's name is Remedios, too.

I'll be celebrating my birthday this month, and promised my friends I'll treat them to Starbucks in Tagaytay. I changed my mind, I'll rather buy instant coffee (more inexpensive, right?), and I'll give my budget to *Nanay* Meding instead. It's only a few bucks but I want to help *Nanay* Meding. According to the article, she wants a soft mattress, and it's been years since she's had a new dress. Well, it's up to her how she'll use my little offering. She's helped so many people so tell her to treat herself, and for sure happy *ako sa* birthday *ko*.

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Poetry

How to Lose a Poetry Competition

Somewhere up a mountain, inside a cheap hotel,
the breath of pine that was green when invisible candy puffs
in each young writer's earlobe—cool Baguio cool—was ignored.

When each poem lay there, legs spread-pinned arms, perverse
cruciform X. Everyone had glass-shard, scalpel, post-mortem
lower lip quiver of craftsmanship's class. Voodoo dissection inter-
stitial orbit of learning's erotic machete curve. Beauty. That's

what they're being taught to accomplish. Truth-telling. Somewhere
they brought out the objective-correlative, eventually. It looked like
an old, foot-long rubber sausage. Young writers all around squeezed,
rubbed and stroked it. One of the old writers took it by one end,

made a grand gesture of a job blowing it, twisted it into a
pretzel of air and let it float, bounce about the workshop hall.
That was the day's form and content. The next day's assignment?

Catch a metaphor, alive if possible. Not easy because the slippery
things kept changing shape, from cobra to tin can to toothy vagina.

For the first time, I wasn't listening. I wasn't
teaching. I didn't care about craft anymore.

I was thinking of the Baguio woodcarver, sitting on a wicker chair,
who stomped his foot, sending a cloud of red earth flying
about us. He told me: I was a guitarmaker in Cebu. I once made

a special guitar with strings made from my wife's hair. Hair I collected
the seven years we were married, collected because I loved her.
Then I hated my wife, and I made the guitar. He brought the guitar

out and played it for me. The fog was creeping towards our feet, its
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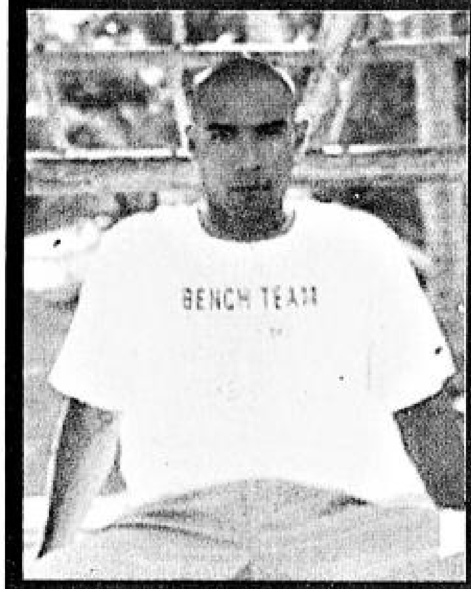

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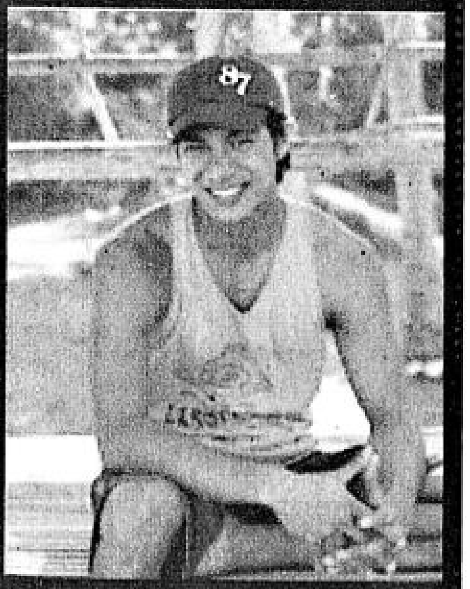

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If you're as excited as I am, darlings, for a chance to snag one of those special invites to this sizzling one-night-only event, go ahead and text *BENCH to 299*!

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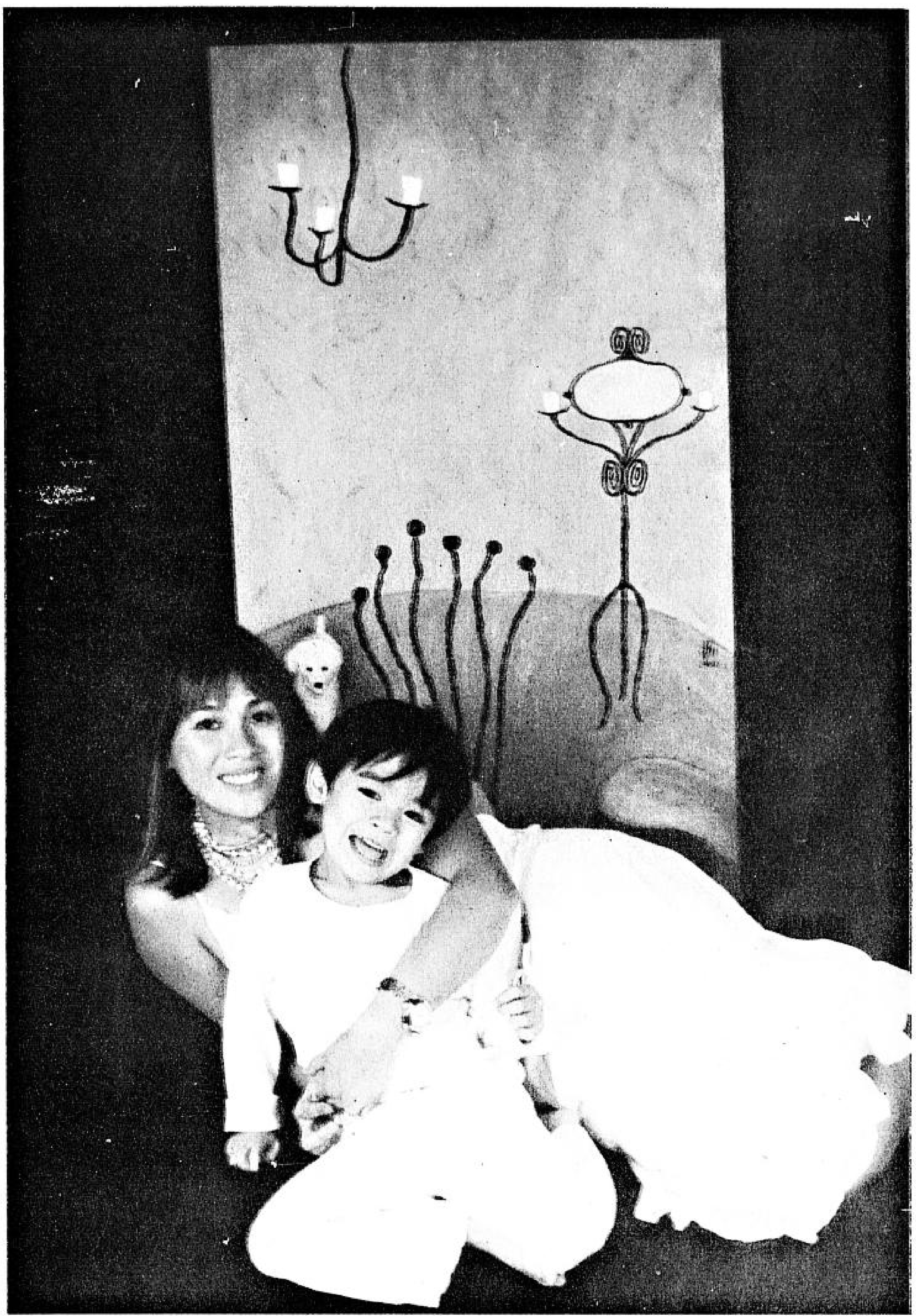
Artwatch

By Joy Rojas

She Designs Happy Furniture



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With son, Koji, above; whimsical chair, below

Her first exhibition was a group show in Paris, and her most successful one was in Japan where buyers snapped up every single artwork on display. Yet for 34-year-old Cheryl Villanueva Hironaka, in town for the first time in three years to mount "Art + Furniture," her fourth Manila show at Gallery 139, painting is but an extension of her love for—or in her case, frustration over—furniture design.

Apparently, having furniture made abroad is expensive, laments Hironaka who now lives in New York with her Japanese husband Jo, their four-year-old son Koji, and their seven-year-old French poodle Puccini. Having it done here, meanwhile, poses its own challenges. With their imposing sizes and whimsical shapes and colors, Hironaka's sofas, chairs and chandeliers baffle contractors; paper cut-outs often accompany her drawings and measurements to better explain her unusual details and dimensions.

It was but a short step to sketching the pieces, a practice she did purely for personal satisfaction, as "I never really thought of myself as an artist," she shrugs. Collectors beg to disagree. Though often lacking in proportion and perspective, her childlike renderings of furniture and imaginary rooms make you smile, a reaction one might attribute to the fact that she only paints whenever she's happy. And her current collection is as much a tactile treat as it is a visual one. Modeling paste, lace, acrylic paint and pencil are materials found in her 18 mixed media masterpieces.

Looking real

People have labeled her paintings naïve, but Hironaka, who upon a teacher's advice chooses not to study art to preserve the purity of her style, insists "this is as real as it gets. And I want them to look real," she emphasizes, "like the furniture I'm designing in my head."

The daughter of an interior designer mom, Hironaka graduated with a degree in psychology from the De La Salle University. A job as a pre-school teacher reinforced her desire to do something creative with her life. After a slew of short courses both here and abroad (photography, graphic design, interior design, painting), she decided she wanted to design things. Never one for straight, clean lines, coordinated colors and "matching anything," she came up with furniture influenced by French rococo, gothic details, vintage jewelry, and the high backrests of German furniture designer Charles McKintosh. "I don't want my furniture to look normal, like those you would find in a store," says Hironaka who fashions her pieces out of wicker, wrought iron and velvet. "I want them to look happy, like they're moving."

Fierce following

The latter quality explains why relatives have kidded her about her quirky designs. Upon entering her old bedroom, she recounts with a laugh, "they start scaring each other like they're in a haunted house!"

But the artist has her fierce followers, too. Peggy Guggenheim's grandson owns a Hironaka, as do local style pundits Tessa Prieto Valdes and Richie Ortega, who also sells her antique jewelry in her store Souk. And when she gets back to the States, Hironaka will illustrate a children's book for an author based in L.A.

Her big dream, however, is to interpret her chairs and sofas in grand scale. "I would like to run a hotel," she declares, "where every single room is going to be different! One can have striped walls, another can have red walls..."

Wait a minute: Just how many ways can one furnish and design a room anyway? Infinite, assures this furniture designer with a smile. Q

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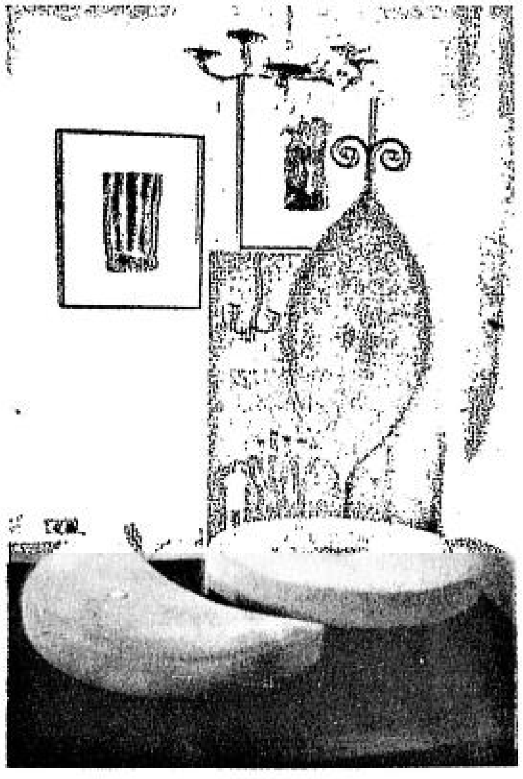

The Reel Life

By Eric S. Caruncho

Censuring the Censors' Chief

Guarding the public's morals is no easy job. Ask MTRCB chief Marissa Laguardia who, on top of balancing the viewers' interest with those of movie producers, has had to fend off coup attempts by some disgruntled members of her board

BEING head of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) is a thankless job.

Poor old Manoling Morato had to fend off countless protests from the film industry and plots from members of his own board to oust him, for his conservative interpretation of the law. Henrietta Mendez was raked over the coals when she gave the critically-acclaimed "Schindler's List" an "X" rating, because it showed nude pictures of emaciated concentration camp inmates.

Liberals have fared no better. When it was her turn, Manoling's former nemesis Armida Siguion Reyna got it from the conservatives when she passed the bold film "Sutla." Nick Tiongson resigned in a huff following a tussle with Cardinal Sin and President Arroyo over "Live Show." Marilen Dinglasan had it worst of all: her own people, the MTRCB employees' association, filed a case with the Ombudsman, accusing her of graft and corruption and forced her resignation. And then she died.

"It's a hot seat," admits the chair's current occupant, the relatively low-key Maria Consoliza "Marissa" Laguardia. "No matter how low-profile I try to be, there's always something."

TV as target

With the movie industry in the doldrums these days, TV noontime shows have become the likely target, with Laguardia this week recommending a two-month suspension for "Eat Bulaga" host Joey de Leon. De Leon had used "a vulgar word that has a very strong sexual c tion" on the program, according to the Viewers will recall that Laguardia also pr the two-week suspension of Viva Hot Ba Agcaoili when her amply augmented popped out of her top on another n show.

Such flap hardly raise eyebrows anym last month, less than a year into her te guardia got her baptism of fire.

It came in the form of a one-page open l dressed to the President. Signed by two members—Fr. Nico Bautista and B Bernales—the letter accused Laguardia o immorality and misuse of funds" as well as direction and unimaginative leadership".

In her defense, Laguardia noted that th cited in the letter represented accumula advances dating back to the time of form CB chair Jess Sison. As for the unspecifie of "immorality", she says:

"I'm a widow, so maybe they're trying to with someone. But it's not true. They v have appointed me to this position if I we upright person. Nico Bautista is hitting b belt. *Pari pa naman s'ya* (and to think priest)!"

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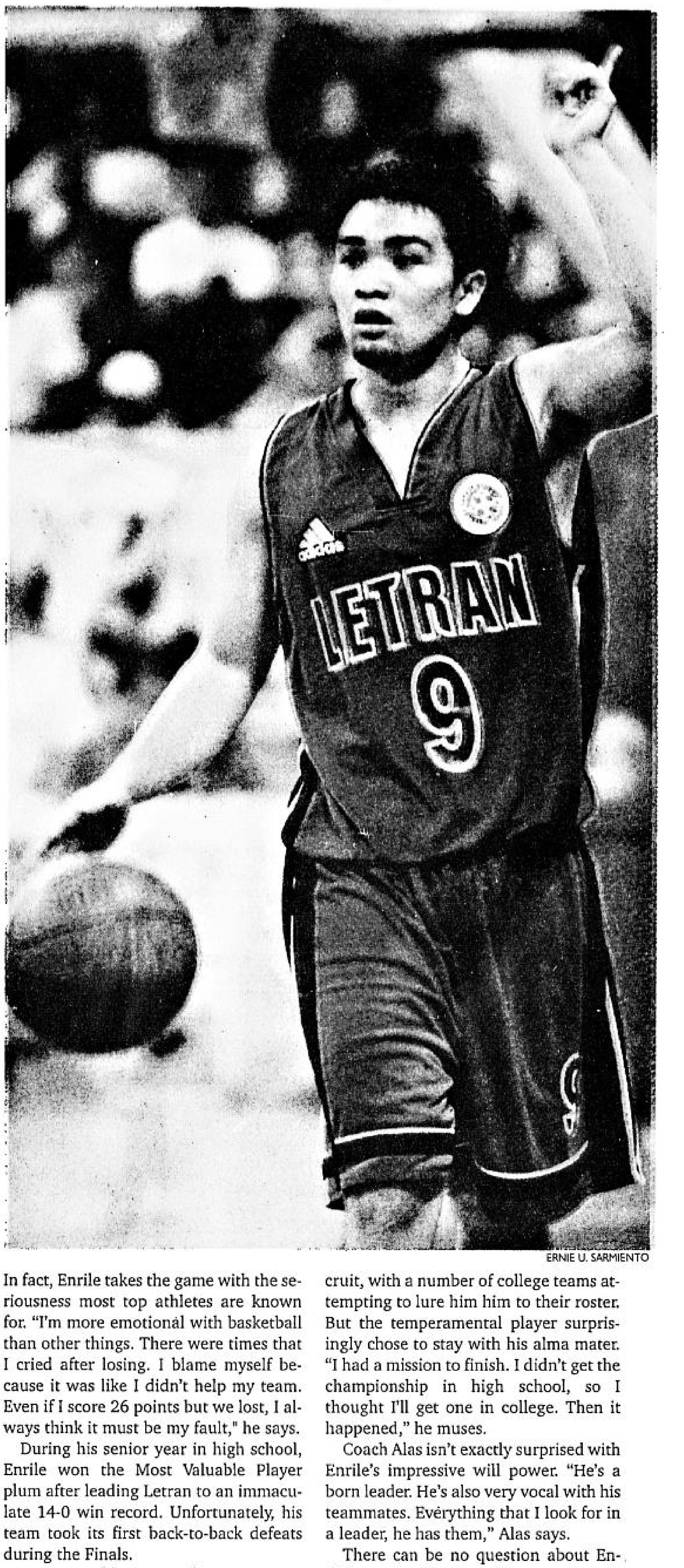
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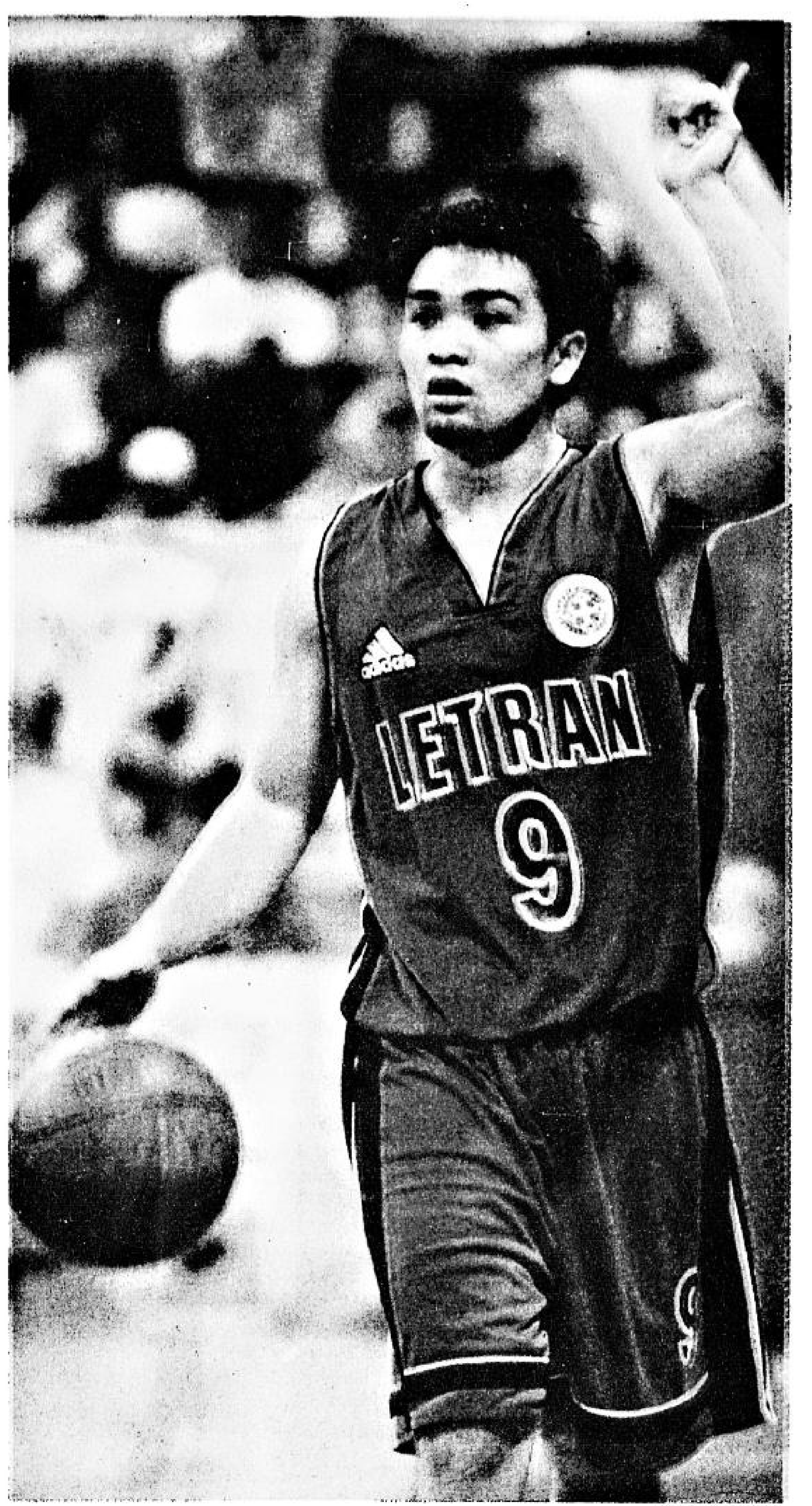

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A charmed life: "But why do people always say that?"

June 30, 1905, the group marked the first time that Filipino women organized around social issues—at that time, the care and welfare of women and children, easily the most neglected sector immediately following the Spanish-American war. The group founded the La Gota de Leche that focused on the feeding of children, and later started the 30-year struggle to win Filipino women the right to vote.

On her father's side, Gemma has Maria Rizal, the national hero's sister for great grandmother. She is justly proud of both women, "who as children of the revolution did a lot for the country," she says.

Recently, while doing some research for the Heritage Conservation Society, this former director of the National Museum came across a copy of Excelsior Magazine dated 1906 that had a story about her *Lola* Filomena and her picture as a young woman. That picture, in evocative black and white, now graces Gemma's mobile phone.

Cruelty of war

But more than genetic predisposition, the cruelty of war has contributed as well to shaping Gemma's character. She was one and a half years old when retreating Japanese soldier massacred residents along their escape route during the last days of World War II. Five of the men in the Cruz household were taken from their Malate home, including Mauricio Cruz, the son of Maria Rizal, and Gemma's father, Ismael Arguelles Cruz. Her mother was then pregnant with her brother, Ismael Cruz, Jr. The Cruz women, by dint of circumstance, had to be strong.

She grew up in house full of women, but men were a felt presence too, says Gemma. Aside from various uncles and grandfathers, there was her stepfather, architect Angel Nakpil whom her widowed mother married when she was seven years old. "I remember that during sermons at Mass at the San Agustin Church in Intramuros, he would wander off and look at the paintings around, later telling me about them." During summer, she continues, the whole family would hie off to Sagada and Bicol, watch flagellants during Holy Week and troop to the Luneta for Independence Day. "We were the original domestic tourists," she says.

From the women in the house, Gemma learned "self-discipline, pride in what I do, obeying the law even when nobody's looking, academic excellence and hard work." At 9, she was writing a column for the Weekly Women's Magazine and got paid P10 a week.

But being scholarly did not diminish this Maryknoll Foreign Service graduate's awareness about her looks. In the early '60s, recalls Gemma, "the couturiers and lifestyle editors were saying that our beauty pageant candidates lacked the height to stand out and project." While there were tall women around, most of them were *mestizas* or Eurasian types, "and did not fall within certain stereotypes about how Asians should look."

Gemma adds: "I thought, presumptuously, that well, I'm tall and I look very Asian, so I joined the Miss Philippines." It was her second stab at the title. The first time she joined, she had to withdraw when other contestants cried "favoritism!" The judges had allowed her in although she was late in submitting her application. But the then 21-year-old historical writer at the National Museum who had just topped the civil service exams was undaunted. With a little prodding from Bert Pedrosa, writer Chit Pedrosa's husband and the *barkada* of Gemma's friend Marla Yotoko Chorangel, she turned in her application.

This time around, all went well. "It was really the right time," says Gemma, modestly. "The Vietnam war was raging and the US was pressuring President Marcos to send our troops there. I thought, maybe they'd let me win if only to get us to their side," she says, laughing at the memory. With the war escalating, she almost didn't get to go to Long Beach, California, a circumstance she milked to the hilt. "I made sure to talk about the war every chance I got during the interviews," she chuckles. That way, Gemma thought, the mostly Western judges would feel a twinge of guilt about Asia and make it up to the Asian candidates. Her political calculations proved correct: only Miss Taiwan of the Asian beauties didn't make it to the semi-finals.

"Racist"

On the night of the contest, demonstrators outside the venue were calling the pageant "racist." Recounts Gemma, "Ah, I thought, now they really have to make a non-white win just so they can't be accused of being racist." But with Miss Brazil also in the running, her hopes plummeted. News clippings about the event noted how Gemma's face fell when the emcee went past her just as he was about to announce the winner. "But he was just joking," says Gemma. "As soon as he reached the other end, he suddenly turned and made straight for me. I had won!"

Says actress Arlene Dahl, one of the judges in the contest, of the 5'10", 37-25-37 Philippine bet: "It was her regal bearing and unmistakable air of class (that won her the title.)" Classy indeed. Gemma immediately donated the $10,000 prize money to building shelters for homeless children.

Even now, some 40 years after her feat, Gemma has yet to escape the Miss International label she is best known for. "People in the provinces still get very excited when they see me," she says matter-of-factly. She takes such high regard seriously, she adds. "It's a great responsibility; people look up to you so you have to live up to their expectations." In her case, that means "upholding what people cherish most," says Gemma. "I must project love of country, be well-behaved and well-educated, and be a good mother and daughter."

That she apparently is. Trying to catch her one morning, one learns that she was driving her mom to the bi-monthly Carmen Guerrero Nakpil press group lunch that she has organized to keep the older woman in touch with her friends. "It's very freewheeling and KKB (dutch treat) because we have no sponsor," Gemma says. The year-old group meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Café Havana in Greenbelt 3 Makati.

Makibaka

Given her positive experience in beauty contests, people were surprised when a few years later, Gemma, by then a founding member of the radical Leftist group Malayang Kilusan ng Kababaihan (Makibaka), led a picket of the Bb. Pilipinas pageant at the Araneta Coliseum.

"It was inevitable that I would at least sympathize with the Left and what it stood for at the time," she says of her Makibaka days. "Their issues at that time were the US bases, the Laurel-Langley agreement, the impending martial rule."

Although she founded Makibaka with the likes of Lorena Barros (who was later killed in an encounter with the military), Gemma did not go underground. "It would have been very difficult to hide me," she says. "I was too well known."

Instead, she opted to put up a daycare center for children of fruit vendors in San Andres whose rent her father-in-law, J. Antonio Araneta, willingly shouldered. Her husband was not as committed, however. "When martial law was declared in 1972, the men got separated from the boys," she says. She and Tony Araneta eventually separated.

Those were difficult days for Gemma. While she was briefly interrogated for her political association with the Left, her mother was seen as working for the Marcoses. She denies this. "She was never a senior aide to Imelda (Marcos)," she bristles, referring to how Nakpil was described in Ramona Diaz's movie, "Imelda." Her mother, she clarifies, "was the director general of the Technology Resource Center."

In 1975, Gemma moved to Mexico with her two children on self-exile. The newspapers had been padlocked, including the Graphic where she worked, and then Brig. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos had told her she could only write if she showed her copy to the authorities first.

As a single parent, Gemma made sure the children did not go to Catholic schools, "because I wanted them to choose their own religious beliefs. I think they're still choosing," she says with a laugh.

Now a grandmother of two from daughter Fatimah Carmen Margarita, 37, she is expecting a third grandchild by December from son Leon Angel Antonio Ismael, 33.

In the early '90s, Gemma tried her hand at designing jewelry(Simoun, after a character from Rizal's "El Filibusterismo") and putting up a gift shop, both of which she gave up when Estrada appointed her to the Tourism post in 1998. "*Sayang*," she says, "especially now that Simoun-style jewelry is all the rage."

Her appointment raised questions about her politics: how could she throw her lot with the deposed president and his patron, businessman Danding Cojuangco, both of whom have been accused of treating public funds as their own?

Gemma explains: "I campaigned for Danding in the 1992 presidential elections because I sincerely believe that we need someone like him, an entrepreneur who has investments in the Philippines. I'm just being pragmatic. I'm still a member of his Nationalist People's Coalition."

Estrada, she says, "had a fantastic mandate. It's just a pity he didn't know how to take advantage of it. I believe he could tell people to pull themselves up by their *bakya* straps because they love him. But his midnight Cabinet got in the way."

Counting her blessings

Admittedly, with such controversies hounding her, it is a less than charmed life. "But why do people always say that?" Gemma complains. Because she has an excellent family background, a good education, exceptionally good looks, and brains? She considers this. "Well, I better count my blessings then," she says lightly. But, she adds, she's always been detached from material things, the Maryknoll nuns and her mother made sure of that.

And that's why she has no major regrets, says Gemma. "Oh sure, I had an unrequited love, a Filipino who's passed away. But generally, if you act with sincerity, you have no cause for major regrets later."

She harbors no major enmity, either, she says. "That Senate hearing that had me and Mina Gabor supposedly snubbing each other? That's not true," says Gemma, looking askance. "We had another guy between us and we were both talking to other persons on either side of us. But the newspapers cropped the guy in the middle and it looked like (Mina and I) had our backs turned toward each other."

The feud

What was the supposed feud all about anyway? "Well, Mina was trying to get Erap's support to hold an international exposition at the Quezon Memorial Circle," says Gemma, "but it had a government guarantee proviso and Erap didn't like that. It meant that the government would pay if the project had insufficient funds. So it was cancelled. That's it, *simple lang*. I think *pinag-aaway lang kami ng* media (I think the media was just setting us up for a fight.)"

If anything, she'd rather reserve her energy for the countless activities she's involved in as president and chair of the Heritage Conservation Society and member of the Descendants' Committee of the Feminist Centennial Celebration. She has managed to combine the two commitments seamlessly in the HCS and Department of Education's Heritage School House Restoration Program.

"I thought, since many of these early feminists were educators, why not restore the schools where they started out or studied? Besides, generations of Filipino women graduated from these schools," explains Gemma. The restored school buildings must also function as real schools, she adds. Already, the HCS has started the restoration of the Baguio Central School at the Teachers' Camp. Gemma is batting for support from the local communities and hopes the local government "can educate and rally the people around this."

Trust Gemma, a history buff, to understand how looking back—at one's roots and personal history—can indeed be a liberating experience, even to late-blooming feminists.

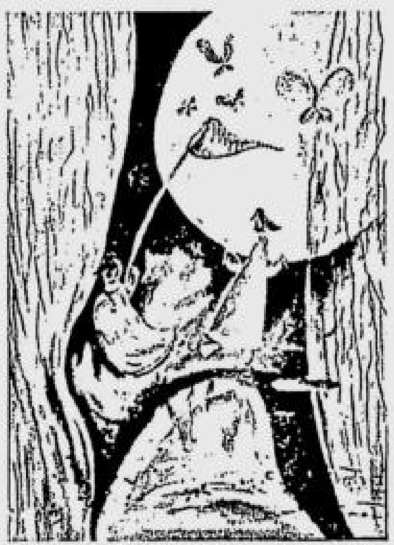
For inquiries on the Women's Centennial celebration, please call the office of Sen. Leticia Shahani at 897-0353 or the Women's Media Circle at 735-9687 and 734-6840

This Week

Art

Gallery Genesis presents the **21st Kulay sa Tubig** Watercolor Competition-Exhibition featuring works by 70 artists from across the country until Aug. 29 at the Art Center, SM Megamall A. Works by Hall of Fame Artists are also be on view. For details, call 633-8137.

Anthony Fermin and Karla Gobin will hold a two-man exhibit on Aug. 20 at the Food and Art Galerie, 12/F, GT Tower, Ayala cor. Dela Costa Street, Makati City. Fermin will be exhibiting watercolors and acrylics on children's themes and Gobin will be showing social realist and surreal works on oils and pastels. For details, call 752-5678.



Anthony Fermin's "Alibang-bang (Paru-Paro)," on view at the Food and Art Galerie

Music

Mayric's celebrates its **9th anniversary** on Aug. 21 with Back to the Edge (The Beat and the Generation) featuring Sleepy Heads, Dead Pop Stars, The Late Isabel, Mobster Manila, Camote Chunks, Happy Birthday, Rubi-X3, Fred, Names are for Tombstones, Orange N Lemons, Technicolor Dreamcoat, Atom Flot and Caffeine. Tickets at P100 inclusive of one local drink.

Concert at the Park presents "Marimba Melody" on Aug. 15 with the talented child marimba player Tum-Tum Mendoza; "86 Fruitful Years-Cheers Tita King!" on Aug. 22 as a tribute to National Artist for Music Lucresia Kasilag on her 86th birthday, and "El Fili" on Aug. 29 presented by Gantimpala Theater. All shows will be at 5 p.m. at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium, Manila. Admission is free.

The Philippine Madrigal Singers, 2004 grand prize winner of the 50th *Certamen Internacional de Habaneras y Polifonia* held recently in Torrevieja, Spain, renders its new award-winning sound in **In the Great Tradition**, a special homecoming concert on Aug. 21 (8 p.m.) and Aug. 22 (5 p.m.) at the CCP Main Theater. For tickets, call 832-3704 or Ticketworld (891-9999).

Cinema

The first **Pride International Film Festival** will be held on August 21-28 at the CCP Dream Theater with the theme 'Pride, Freedom and HIV/AIDS Awareness." The mission of the festival is to help advocate HIV/AIDS education on awareness, prevention and care through film screenings. Tickets are available at all Ticketworld outlets, Tower Records, Ayala Center, Music Museum, National Bookstore and Robinsons Galleria and Manila, and at the CCP Box Office. For inquiries, call 832-2704 or visit the festival website at http://piff.filmfestivals.net.

Atbp

The Association of Philippine Orthodontists will hold the **4th National Orthodontic Congress** on Aug. 16-17 at the Hotel InterContinental Manila in Makati City. Topics to be discussed are "Common Sense Mechanics in Everyday Orthodontics," "Predictability of Successful Orthodontic Treatment Using Invisalign" and "The Orthodontic-Restorative-Periodontal Interface, Esthetic and Functional Considerations." Guest speakers will be US-based specialists Dr. Tom Mulligan and Dr. Robert Boyd. For inquiries, call 671-4799 or 671-6475.

Dulaang UP is holding **auditions** for its third offering, "Recoged Esta Voz/Gather This Voice: The Miguel Hernandez Project," a theatrical montage of songs, movement and text based on the life and works of Spanish poet, Miguel Hernandez. Audition is on Aug. 16, 7 p.m. at Room 132, Palma Hall in UP Diliman. Auditionees are requested to bring a resumé with a 3x5 photo and to interpret any poem in English or Filipino through song, movement or performance art. For inquiries, call 926-1349 or 920-5301 loc. 6441.

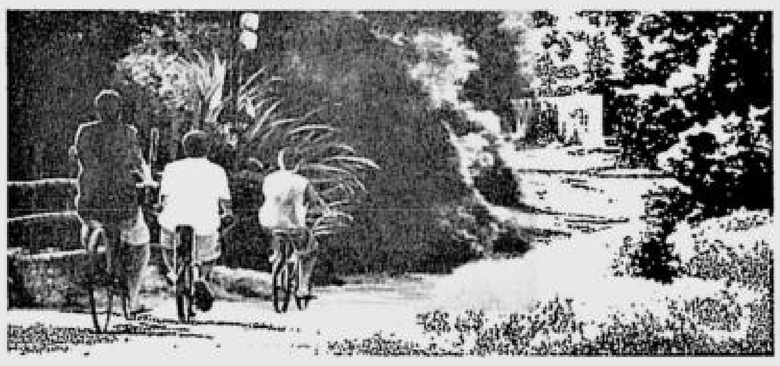
Kuwentista ng mga Tsikiting, an organization of Filipino writers for children, marks its 9th year anniversary with **Kuting: The First Nine Lives**, a nine-month long celebration consisting of a poetry reading-cum-concert, a lecture series, author visits, writing workshops, book launchings, a retrospective exhibit, school tour, website launching, and book donations. To be held on August 17, 9 p.m. to 12 midnight, Writers' Night Tuesday at the Conspiracy Bar along Visayas Avenue in Quezon City. For more information about the group, visit www.kuting.tk or e-mail kutingmail@yahoo.com.

Award-winning author and educator Queena Lee Chua and family counselor Maribel Sison Dionisio will discuss **how to develop good study habits among school children** on Aug. 21, 4 p.m. at National Bookstore Shangri-La Plaza. The talk will coincide with the launch of "Helping Our Children Do Well in School: 10 Real Life Successful Family Strategies.

Registration is ongoing for those interested to learn the **basics of drawing and painting** every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. starting Aug. 21 at Herald Suites at Chino Roces Avenue, in front of Makati Cinema Square. The program is open to children and adults. For inquiries, call Anna or Manny at 899-6358 or 0927-5522288.

Dancing Wounded Contemporary Dance Commune introduces a three-weekend workshop at dwutopia:doubleutopia that brings together the highly physical **Capoeira** of Brazil and the stillness of India's **yoga**. Workshop runs from Aug. 21 to Sept. 5, every Saturday and Sunday, 2-5:30 p.m.. Workshop fee is P3,500. dwutopia:doubleutopia is located at Unit 4C Michel Apartments, 2030 A. Mabini St., Malate, Manila. For inquiries, call 525-6810.

Alfred Galura's "Paseo" on view at Gallery Genesis as part of the "Kulay sa Tubig" exhibit



Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

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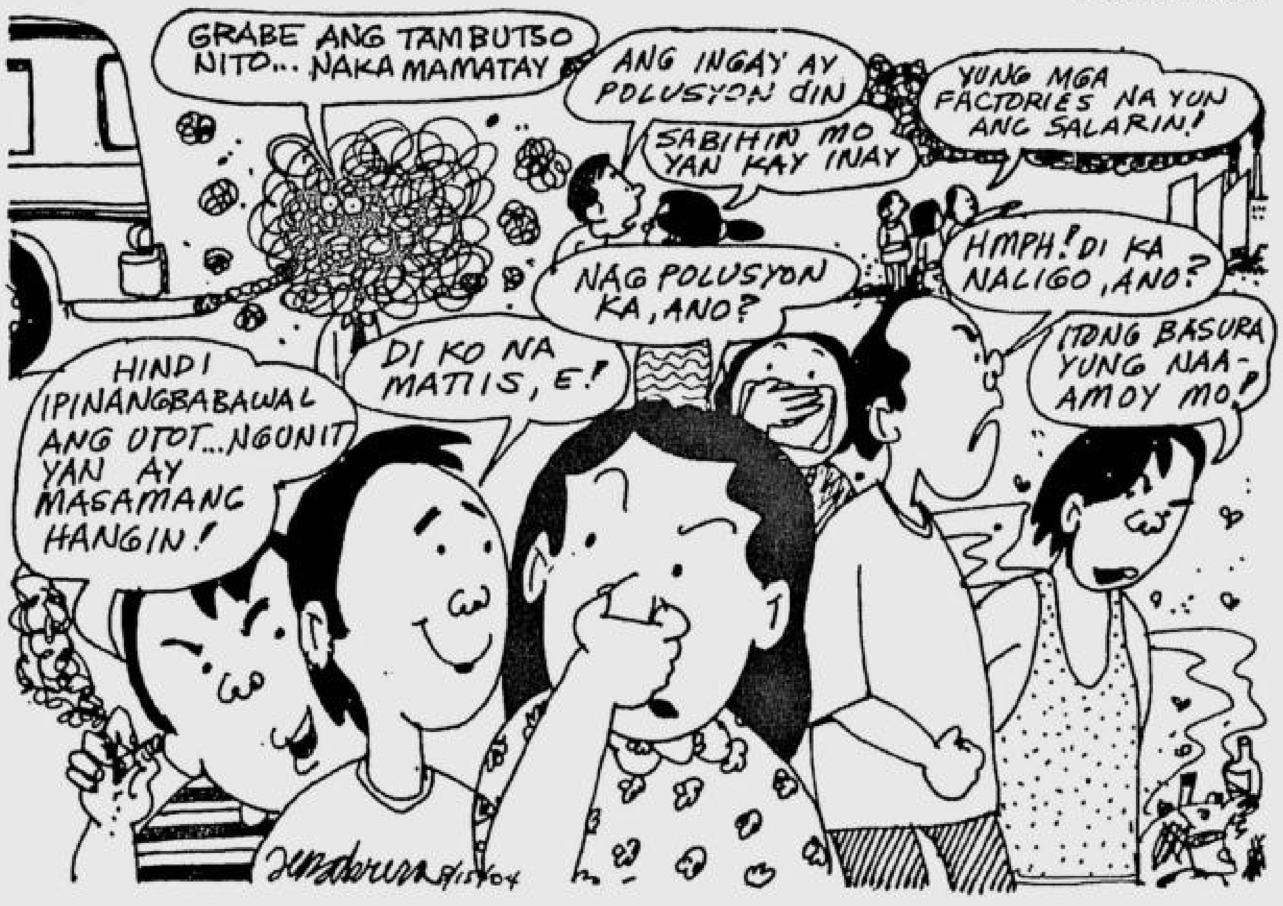
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Censuring

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Houston nine times.

Her decidedly mainstream taste probably helps her in presiding over the board, a typically volatile mix of priests and lay religious people, lawyers, academics, film critics, actors and writers. "I think it's a good mix," she says. "These people come from all walks of life, and although they represent various sectors, they can arrive at a consensus that is neither too conservative nor too liberal."

Listening to the audience

Laguardia explains that the mandate of the board is to help the film and television industries. "The MTRCB is here to listen to the audience and the movie industry as well," she says. "We're not here to cut and cut and cut. We're open to suggestions from the public and the producers."

In fact, they don't really cut out perceived offensive scenes anymore. Unlike its predecessor, the old Board of Censors, Laguardia stresses that the present board merely classifies films. Usually, film producers take it upon themselves to make the necessary cuts to meet a classification: whether GP (General Patronage), PG (Parental Guidance) or X, or the recently implemented R-13, which allows unaccompanied teens to view films with adult themes, "slight nudity" and occasional violence provided such are relevant to the context of the film.

If these guidelines sound liberal to the conservative-minded, bear in mind that these days you can get VCDs titled *"Ka---in Mo Ako!"* (and, presumably not a sequel, *"Ka----in Mo Ako*, Sir!") for P30 each on many Metro sidewalks, while online porn is just a mouse-click away on the information superhighway.

Changing tastes

Public tastes and standards are also changing. "I think the audience has been saturated with bold films, and they are looking for something else—that's what film producers have to find out," says Laguardia. "People don't watch bold films anymore, unless it's classy and made with quality, like 'Bridal Shower'," she adds.

With classification in place, the work of the MTRCB involves more policing of the airwaves, particularly during daytime and primetime when the kids are still up. "Because of the stiff competition between the television networks, sometimes the audience is sacrificed," she says. "On the noontime shows, if the dancers' outfits are too sexy, or if the hosts use vulgar words, we call their attention to it."

Shows on late night slots, when the kids are presumably in bed, receive a little more leeway.

The MTRCB's brief is really to help uplift and develop the movie and television industry, the Censors' chief says, and in spite of the brickbats that have come her way recently, she thinks they've done their part.

"I enjoy the work, in spite of the intrigues," says Laguardia. She adds that her recent brush with controversy has taught her a few things.

"I learned that there are no permanent friends in show business," she says.

The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

God Belongs to All Churches

We all laid hands on our dear friend Jerome, and then on one another, and asked God to heal us all where we were most wounded

This is a true story. Jerome Santamaria, a Makati banker, had a serious kidney disorder. He was undergoing dialysis when he called for me. His wife, Gloria, told me that Jerome was being sustained only through intravenous feeding, and that—like all terminal patients —he was always feeling depressed, hopeless and weaker each day. He was in a coma when I arrived. That evening, I thought I should call up his friends to ask for prayers. That was Monday.

Thursday: Andy, Robert and Mina were the first group of friends who visited Jerome. They were Seventh Day Adventists. Gloria informed me that the group prayed over Jerome for twenty minutes. Jerome who was unconscious for the last three days woke up the next day, Friday, and asked for soup.

Sunday: Cora, Danny, Mike and Boni were delighted to see their friend sipping soup through a glass straw. But Jerome, still feeling weak, could not yet stay awake for five minutes. The group prayed over him and asked his wife, Gloria, to join them. They were fervent members of the Iglesia ni Cristo one of whom, Boni, was actually a minister of the Church. Jerome woke up after midnight, and asked for an orange. The nurse removed the intravenous bottle for the first time.

Sunday: Jerome's Baptist friends—Virginia, Fermin and Oscar—were the third group to visit, and they read parts of the Bible and sang hymns and prayed over their friend who was now able to join them in prayer. The attending physician ordered the dialysis apparatus removed the next day, Monday.

Tuesday: Father Briones, Jerome's parish priest, came with a group of parishioners. Since they belonged to a charismatic prayer group, they conducted a mini-prayer meeting inside the room together with some nurses. They prayed over Jerome and his family. Before the day was over, Jerome was able to sit up in bed for his evening meal. The next day, Wednesday, after praying the novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help with his wife, Jerome was able to take 10 steps out of bed.

Gloria excitedly called to inform me, first, about Jerome's phenomenal recovery, and second, about his 36th birthday the next day, Thursday. ("I almost forgot," she said.) She asked me to round up the groups that visited him, and to organize an impromptu "prayer party," she said, to thank God for answering their prayers.

Thursday: All his friends arrived, but when Gloria suggested a common prayer service for Jerome, the Baptist group demurred, and the Iglesia group excused themselves promising to return the next day; one member of the Seventh Day Adventist group had a mild debate with some fanatic Catholic charismatics. And the "prayer party" was called off on that embarrassing note.

Friday: Jerome went into spasms at 10 a.m., and fell into a deep coma. Dialysis and intravenous treatment resumed. The patient had to be transferred to the intensive care unit. Gloria, still in a state of panic, informed all Jerome's friends again, sadly blaming them for what happened. She insisted that they come Sunday, and for God's sake, put their prayer-act together to save their friend.

Sunday. Andy, Robert, Danny, Mike, Boni, Fermin, Oscar, Virginia, Cora, Mina, Father Briones and his group were all there before sundown to pray together for deliverance, reconciliation and healing—both for Jerome and for themselves. It was a beautiful and uplifting experience indeed. We all laid hands on our dear friend Jerome, and then on one another, and asked God to heal us all where we were most wounded.

I do not remember how that prayer-event actually ended. All I know is that Jerome is now back working at his Makati office. His wife, Gloria, is expecting their third child in June.

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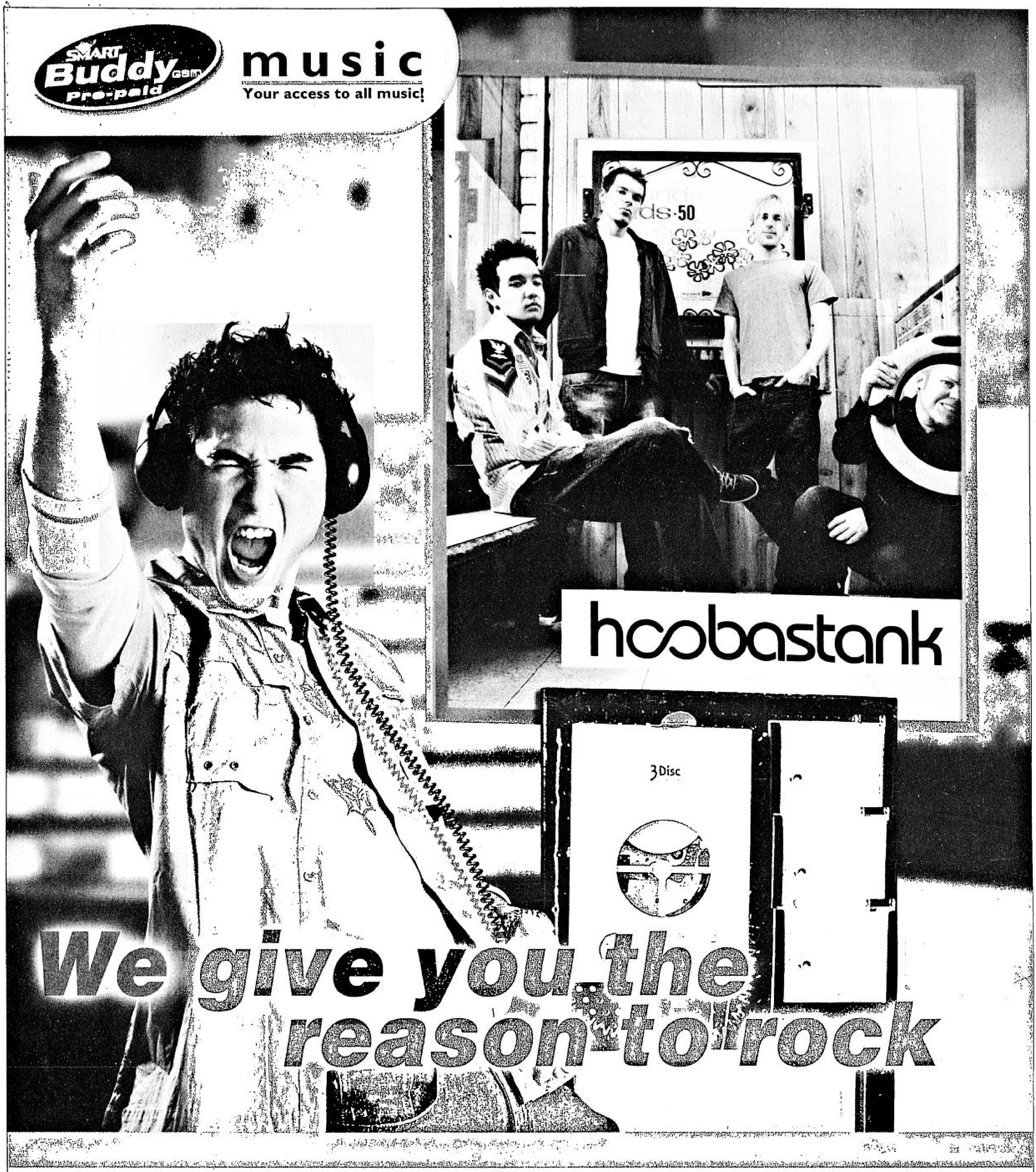
Calendar

Shepherd's Place, house of prayer and rest of the Center For Migrant Youth (CMY) in Dasmariñas, Cavite will mark its fifth anniversary on Sunday, August 29.

Friends of CMY and readers of "The Word" are, of course, invited to Shepherd's Place to celebrate Eucharist with us at 10 a.m., and Agape Brunch afterwards. Please bring something simple for the table to help "multiply the loaves and fish" in the spirit of Matthew 14. This is optional, of course.

With us at Shepherd's Place on August 29 will be about 30 Filipino youths from the archipelago who have just finished a month-long inculturization pre-bonding seminar at Shepherd's Place to prepare themselves for an intercultural fellowship with 10 other Southeast Asian Youth worldwide, thanks to Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Program (SSEAYP).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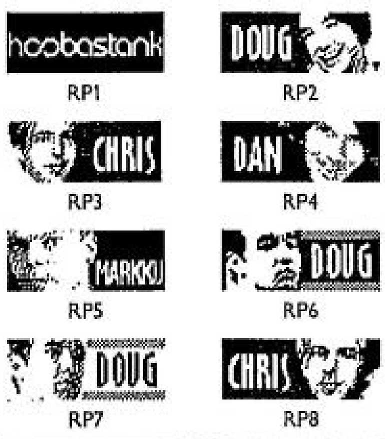
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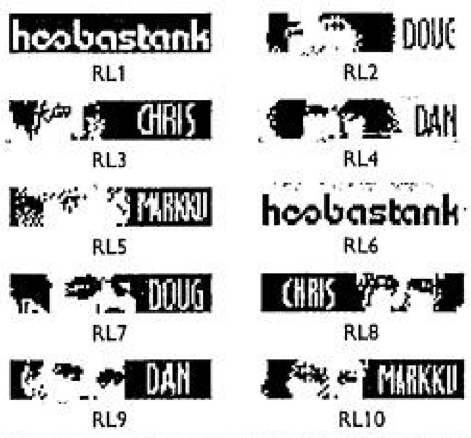
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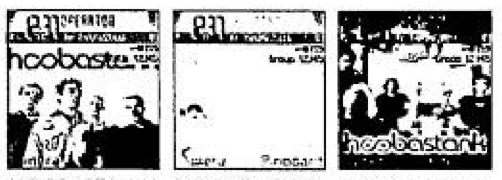
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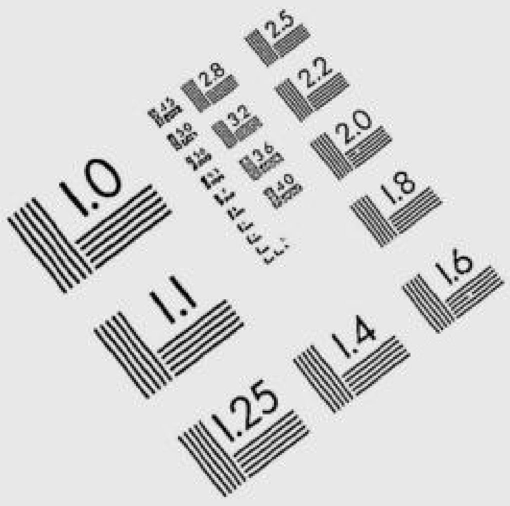
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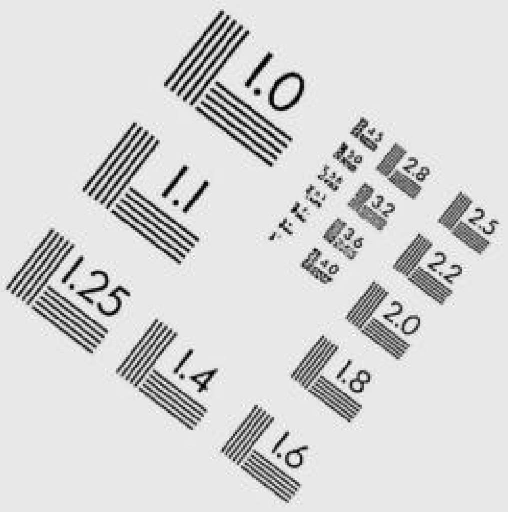
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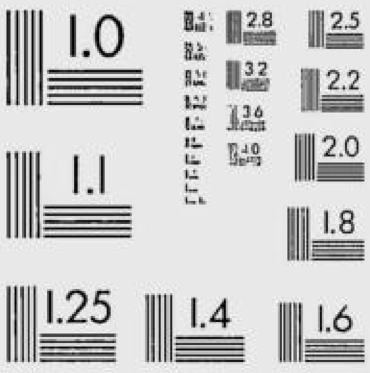
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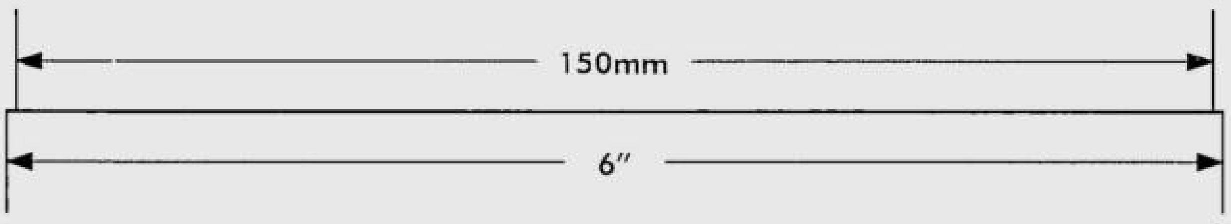

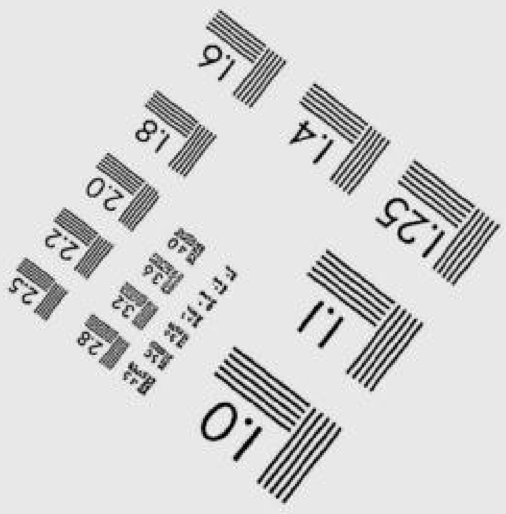
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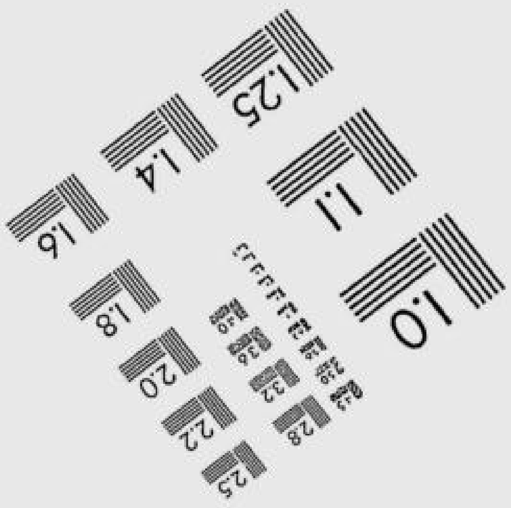
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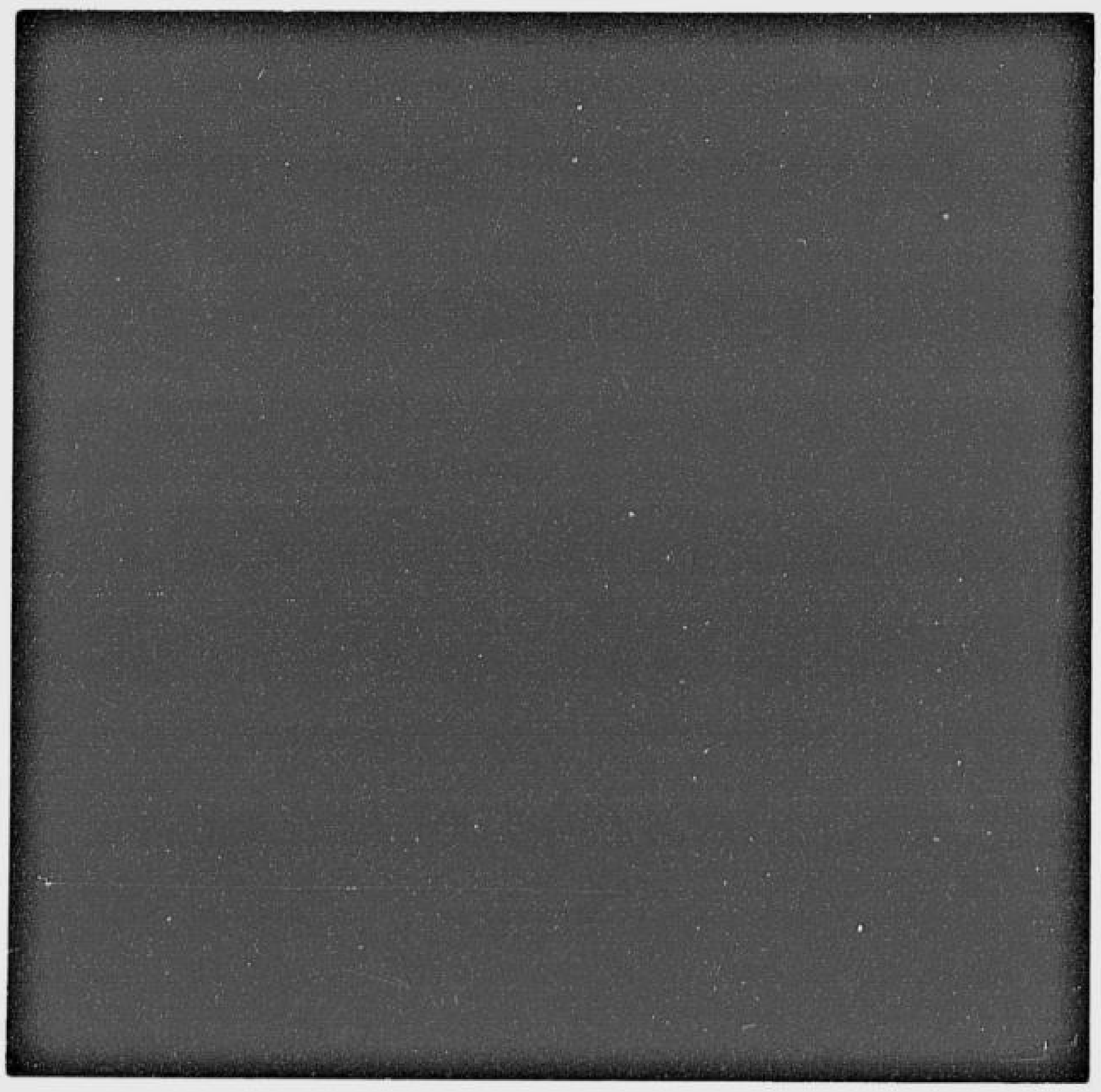

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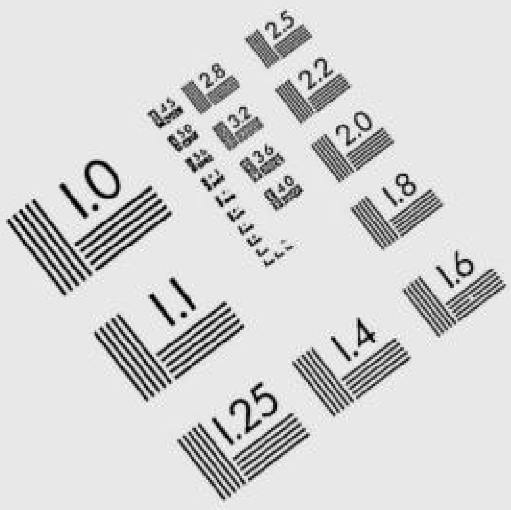
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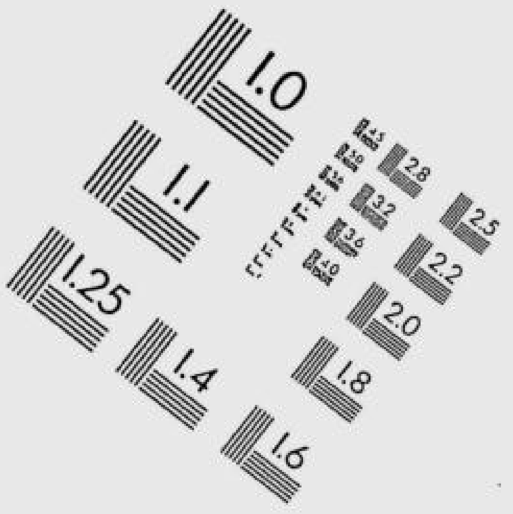
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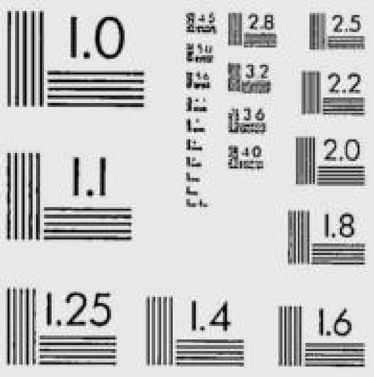
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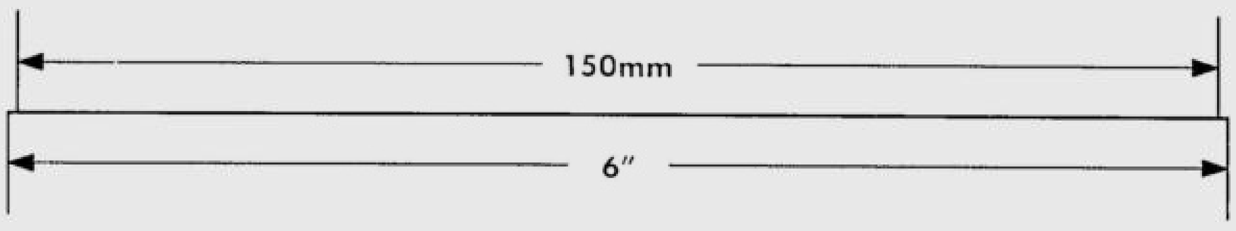

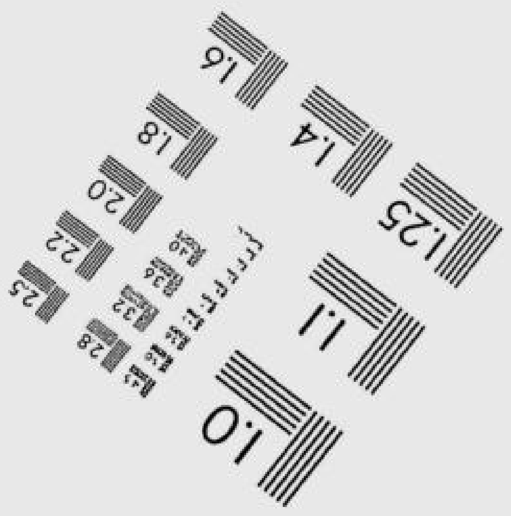
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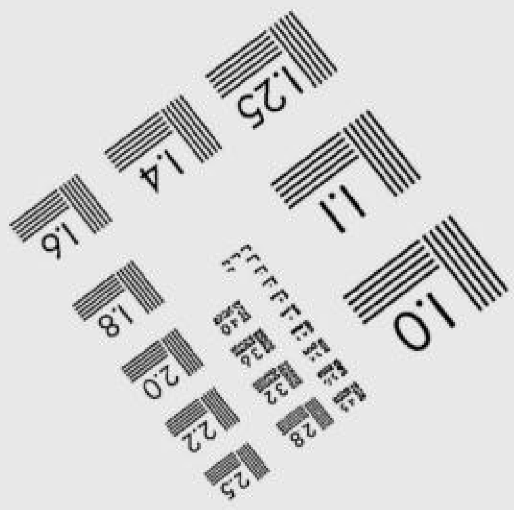
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